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Tarentorus.

Sunday school 10:00 a. m.
Morning worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening service, first Sunday only 7:30 p. m.
Young People's League and Trail Rangers, Thursday 7:30 p. m.

East Korah (Greenwood).

Sunday school 2:30 p. m.
Evening worship 7:30 p. m.
C. G. I.-T., Tuxis Group and Trail Rangers, Fridays 7:30 p. m.

West Korah (Victoria).

Sunday school 2:00 p. m.
Church worship 3:00 p. m.
Young People's, Wednesdays 7:30 p. m.
Women's Missionary, first Wednesday 4:00 p. m.

Prince Community.

Sunday school 2:00 p. m.
Worship 3:00 p. m.
Except first Sunday of each month when services will be 10:00 and 11:00 a. m.

Ladies' Aid.

Tarentorus Last Thursday
East Korah Last Tuesday
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Editorial Comment



In sending forth this first issue of our silent Messenger we do so with the hope and prayer that it may be a bearer of blessing to the hearts and homes of many of our people. Some are non-resident, whom we seldom see, but who are still interested in our welfare. Others, through

age or infirmity, are rarely able to mingle in our congregations or gatherings. Others by illness are laid aside for a time, or through remoteness are unable to be with us in inclement seasons. We trust this Messenger will bring glad tidings to all such; and those who are not thus handicapped and who could often attend our services, and do not, will look upon this as an appeal for their presence, loyalty and co-operation in our work and worship.

Our parish is a widely scattered one; from some eight miles northeast of the city, beyond the far-famed "Landslide" and the Silver and Crystal Falls, or, as the Indians called them, the Hiawatha and the Minnehaha Falls, beyond this are the homes of our people. Then westward—ho across the fertile plains, rock rimmed and river girt of the town townships of Tarentorus, Korah, Parke and Prince, to the rugged Gros Cap, and sparkling waters of Whitefish Bay on Lake Superior, greatest of all fresh water lakes, some 12 or 13 miles due west of this city of the Sault. Indeed many of our members reside within the city itself, some permanently, others for winter retirement.

We trust this Messenger will help to bind together in closer harmony and unity of purpose, with loyalty to pastor and family, to our circuit, and most of all to our Lord and Saviour and to the common Father of us all.

We also hope to receive such loyal support and co-operation that we will be able to send forth this message from month to month, at least till the end of our conference year, June 30. Many will no doubt desire to send this to distant friends as a memento and news letter. This issue of 500 copies goes without charge to all our homes and families with the greetings of the pastor and family to our many people, much beloved.

To carry on, however, we should have at least 200 regular subscribers at the nominal fee of 25 cents for the six issues till July. We can mail to former parishioners and distant friends as directed. Extra copies, 5c.

With a hope and prayer that 1925 may prove in every respect the best year that our Sault Suburban Circuit has ever experienced and that our next annual report may reveal more true progress in both material and spiritual concerns, than in any past year of our history, we extend to all our members, adherents, friends, and to all who receive or read this, the first issue of The Sault Messenger, A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

GO TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

CHRISTIANITY FIRST

By A. T. Rowe.



ALL over the United States one finds "Safety First" signs in shops, factories and about railroad properties. Later a still better sign was devised—"Safety always." It is readily seen that the last named conveys the right thought—it means always put safety first.

Jesus, no doubt, had this thought of continuous service in mind when He said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." He really meant always place the kingdom of God first in your lives, and God will take care of the rest. How often this text is misinterpreted and we suppose that He meant to set about seeking the kingdom, and when we have found it, lay it away in a napkin and take good care that it shall not be mislaid or lost, while we go about our regular ordinary lifework!

"Seek first the kingdom of God" means to give God and His cause first place in our lives always, and the earlier in life we learn the slogan, "Christianity Always," and make it a part of our very lives, the sooner we shall be on a safe life-basis.

Let us remember that no life is a success without Christ. Christ in the heart and life always—and it is impossible to be part sinner and part Christian. Christ must have the whole heart or none. The whole plan of salvation is so beautifully arranged that to have it means safety and guidance and security, confidence in God and in ourselves and our work, and, in fact, I do not see how we are to get along, even in our business, without Christ in our hearts.

We need education, we need homes, clothing, the things that are called the "necessities of life," but above all these we need Christ. And if I were advising young men and women as to the first steps to success in life, business or otherwise, I should say get Christianity first. This may not seem to be so important, but it is the most important thing of all. It safeguards spirituality, and character, and equips us with implements with which successfully to repel the attacks of the enemy. Get Christianity first and keep Christianity always.

"The incoming mail is bloodstained," writes a West African missionary in a Canadian magazine. "Our June and July mail is always a bloodstained service, owing to the long yellow grass just matching the yellow lion for mabush. After July the great grass fires sweep through the forest, but before this all is uncertainty and danger, and the mail carrier passes through many miles of desolate forest. * * * Once a letter came neatly bitten off two inches at the corner and the official verification pasted on was, 'Mail attacked by lions. This letter eaten.'"

The man who does things doesn't do people.

To discharge responsibilities, become loaded with knowledge of them.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life."

YOUR MORAL WAGES

THEY are paid whether you want to receive them or not. And you determine the rate of pay. You can't strike because the conditions under which the wages are paid are likewise determined by you and you alone.

The Bible verse above is worth reading every day. You have already found it true if you stop to think a minute.

If we sin, we suffer somehow, somewhere; usually soon. But if we repent and follow the teachings of Christ we have the promise of eternal life.

Let the church help you fight temptation. Attend services regularly. Read your Bible and "fight the good fight."

THE INTEREST GIVING PAYS

AT A country village in England a number of persons had congregated together in a small place of worship, to attend a meeting. The chapel was full and overflowing and many persons who were anxious to hear were obliged to remain outside; these crowded around the open doors and windows. After reading, singing and prayer, a speaker commenced addressing the meeting. He had not proceeded far when a voice was heard from without: "Speak louder, we cannot hear; remember those outside."

Those words at once furnished a good motto for the meeting. It was indeed the very object for which the assembly had congregated, to stir up one another to "remember those outside"; those who were outside the church, at a distance from the means of grace—those who knew nothing of God and salvation of Jesus Christ.

Let us be good witnesses for Christ.

JUST LET GO.

You are weary with the cares of life,
And your heart is sick and sore;
You are tossed in a great tumult of strife—
So why not just let go?

Let go of yourself and take His hand,
For Christ is the one you know,
Whose grace all-sufficient is at your command—
So why not just let go?

It is self that causes your troubles,
Not your Lord who loves you so;
In Him all happiness more than doubles—
So why not just let go?

Theodore Roosevelt, when 16 years old, said to his pastor: "I am thoroughly convinced that the doctrines as taught in my home and in your church are true. One thing I am especially sure of, namely, that a man who has this faith ought to say so."

A restless mind, like a rolling stone, gathers nothing but dirt and mire.



A Rule of Life

By George H. Malone



ALTHOUGH every day is a new beginning, and so far as our personal experience is concerned a "new year" may start any time, there is something about the ending of December and the first week or so of January that makes even the careless thoughtful. The passing year has brought both joy and sorrow—what may not the next have in store? Where shall we be when the New Year bells fall on our ears again? Who will be with us? Shall we be ill or well? Disquieting questions that disturb our ease and make us inclined to fear.

We have blundered sorely, it may be, in the old year; some of its pages are blurred with regret, or the sombre stains of remorse. And no matter what happiness may have been ours, there is always something we did or left undone which saddens us as we remember. Shall we make the same blotted record? Our hearts grow chill, and we turn away, disheartened on the New Year's threshold.

This is quite the wrong spirit in which to face the battle that lies before us. It is right that we should look back to see where we failed, and how. But this once recognized, with our plea for forgiveness—a plea that will never be refused if we are truly sorry—we must lift up our hearts again and set out to slay our enemies. They are within us, not without. Inside our citadel dwells that evil tempter, that pride, that indolence, that greed or envy which tempts us to desert our colors—to think that the fight is hopeless. Each of us has his own special temptation, and, once we realize the form ours takes, the way lies straight before us.

It's the fashion to smile at New Year resolutions, so often made only to be broken; but they are a definite help if we make them firmly intending to keep them! They will only weaken us if we throw them to a troublesome conscience merely as a sop—something to keep it quiet for the time, until it goes to sleep again. Providing that they be sufficiently elastic to change their form when there is reasonable cause, rules fence in duties that might be neglected and keep them in the forefront of our minds. But to multiply rules is a big mistake, for there is one which, faithfully kept, will make us both blessing and blessed.

The Rule of Love. Just loving our neighbors as we love ourselves; serving him, trusting

him, hoping for him. Refraining even under grave provocation from saying what would sting if he said it to us; forgiving him as we would be forgiven; considering him as we would be considered; helping him when he needs it with the thoughtful delicacy which makes help acceptable instead of humbling; respecting his weakness, his prejudice, his infirmity; laughing with him instead of at him; and, should there come a time when sincerity demands, we should say what we know will not please him, taking care to blend truth with charity.

All the "little" rules we make for ourselves come into line with this one. The Rule of Order—or, how many New Years have we not begun with the resolution that we would not leave our things about, nor lose them, nor hide them away! For we cannot be untidy all to ourselves any more than we can be ill tempered and not spoil someone else's pleasure; and nothing is more upsetting to already wearied brains than the fuss and worry of hunting for things which should be ready to hand.

And even if we often fail to keep, even fitfully, the golden rule which enjoins us to love others as ourselves, every effort we made in this direction brings its own reward, here and now. As we grow into the habit of thinking of people kindly we cease to be annoyed at their peculiarities, and create an atmosphere of good feeling in which they cease to be annoyed at ours. We must always remember that the bearing and forbearing is not needed on our side alone—as Thomas a Kempis said long ago, when we find our neighbor difficult to put up with, we may be sure that he finds it equally difficult to put up with us. There will always be need for self-control and patience; but when we reckon up gain and loss on the eve of 1925, in the measure we have kept the Rule of Love, so one will outweigh the other.

"We turn and look upon the valley of the past year," says Stopford Brooke. "There below are the spots stained by our evil and our fear. But as we look a glow of sunlight breaks upon the past, and in the sunshine is a soft rain falling from heaven. It washes away the stain, and from the purity of the upper sky a voice seems to descend and enter our sombered hearts. 'My child, go forward, abiding in faith, hope and love, for lo, I am with you alway' . . ."

May the New Year bring us all near each other as children of the same dear Father.

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SPARKS FROM THE WORKERS' ANVILS.

The West Korah Ladies' Aid held recently a successful sale of manufacturers' samples, generously contributed in response to the appeal of the president, Miss Knight. Some valuable household goods still available. Proceeds to complete interior of church annex, on which work will resume soon. Here on one League night (Wednesday) each month the various departments of the church take turn in putting on a program of brief Bible study with educational and literary contributions, followed by a social time and refreshments, to get better acquainted as a whole community and develop a social spirit not possible at regular Sunday services. This is open to everybody without charge, and we hope for much real benefit.

Tarentorus appreciates the improvement to church building and grounds. Unsightly fences removed. The tiling, filling and graveling by the township received the thanks of the last official board. The approach now has a wide sweep, linking the grounds with the Great Northern Highway. The ladies financed the contract for the painting of the exterior, which has a rich cream color effect. They are now anxious for better kitchen accommodation for social functions. The new Trail Ranger groups, the "Excelsiors," nearly 20 of them, need more scope to best carry on.

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nity had nearly 50 at their recent successful mothers' and daughters' banquet and program. The subsequent congregational meeting decided on improved heating facilities, also to clear up the pretty church grove adjoining and sink a new well for water supply. Almost at once volunteer workers started to carry out these plans. East Korah has a fine property, with good electric equipment. A piano and telephone have been suggested here.

The Prince community and Sunday school Christmas tree, held in the school house brought the largest crowd and proceeds yet—over \$30. The need is becoming more apparent for the transfer of the church building to the new location at the community centre, and the reopening of this long closed building. Thus 1925 will see this effected. The Hill Brothers are having another sawmill erected near this central location. Prince township may yet have quite a future.

NEWS NOTES.

This issue will go into about 500 homes and be read by about 2,000 people. This is your paper. What can you do or suggest to make it better?

We are glad to welcome back our Normalites and Collegians for the holidays. Miss M. Frayn, Miss M. Smith and Miss E. Lamming from
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THE THINGS WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND



HOW much time do you spend each day in prayer? An hour? Is that too much? And how do you pray? Hurriedly, without taking time to kneel before the throne of grace and wait for the Master's answer? What a striking contrast to an experience of this sort is that of a rare Christian woman who for four long years has been confined to a wheel chair. The first two of these years she could be placed in her bed at night; the last two, however, she has been obliged to fairly live in her chair.

One day has followed another with seemingly endless monotony, but she is so cheery and absolutely unmindful of self that you forget her pain-racked body as you fall under the spell of her wonderful influence. How does she do it, you ask? That is a secret which we may share, for inquiry brings out the fact that she spends long hours in prayer, during sleepless nights when the rest of her family are resting in their comfortable beds, first searching her own heart that it may be rid of every trace of sin, and then praying for her friends, for the people of God, and for the success of His work in the earth.

As her sixtieth birthday drew near recently, her son asked her to tell what she wished most for that anniversary. And her greatest and only desire was to pray once more on her knees. Knowing that it would cause her terrible pain, he argued the question, but at last yielded to her pleadings, and promised that it should be done.

All the long intervening week she prayed for strength to stand the ordeal, for it would be no less than that. And finally, at sunset on a Sabbath evening, she realized the desire of her heart. "No one can appreciate the blessing of kneeling in prayer who has not been deprived of that privilege," she said in telling of the experience.

"And somehow, as I heard these words," writes the friend who passed on the story, "I thought with shame of the countless times I have gone to bed and mumbled a few hurried words into my pillow, because the day's work had been hard and I was tired and sleepy!"

Do we appreciate the privilege of kneeling in prayer which is ours? I wonder.

There is in the world no function more important than that of being charming. . . . To shed joy around, to radiate happiness, to cast light upon dark days, to be the golden thread of our destiny, and the very spirit of grace and harmony, is not this to render a service?—Victor Hugo.

After every church service, shake hands with your neighbor.

What we owe our children the church helps us pay.

A man's task is his life preserver.

My Church

It represents Christ's best gift to me. I have united with it in solemn covenant, that it shall have my best in attendance, prayer, service, sacrifice, zeal, giving, patience, love. To be loyal to Him I must be loyal to it.

UPS AND DOWNS

We hear much of workers needed. It is true that workers are needed, and I hope more workers will be raised up. Many souls will be lost if the call for workers is not heeded. May the Lord give us more ministers and missionaries. But with the need of workers comes the need of givers. I am afraid the brethren as a whole are not awake to the responsibility that rests upon them. When we consecrated to God for entire sanctification we consecrated our all to God—and that includes our pocketbooks.

If a man or woman professes to be a Christian, and yet does not show interest in giving to the cause of Christ, I have a right to doubt his or her sincerity as a professed follower of Jesus Christ. How people can call themselves Christians and yet turn a deaf ear to the many calls for means, is something that seems inconsistent to me. Some people get better cars, better homes, better furniture, more money in the bank, and yet when approached for help to get the gospel to all the world, they shrink, and say they cannot afford it. Now let us be honest with ourselves. Consecration means something. And if our consecration does not include our pocketbooks, we are not consecrated. Giving is easy, if we learn how to give. If we love Christ enough it will be easy to give. If we could measure the love of God in people's hearts by what some give of their means, we should find their love at a rather low ebb. Right now much money is needed for the interests of the church. And unless we rally to the need, the world looking on has a right to call us insincere. Money invested in the work is an investment in the Bank of Heaven. How much of an investment have you laid up in this bank? May God help us all to be really consecrated and show it by our liberality in giving to the cause of Christ. O, God, give us givers. And great will be our reward in heaven if we heed the voice of God.—Sel.

Think big, talk little, love much, laugh easily, work hard, give freely, pay cash, and be kind—it is enough.—Emerson.

An important question—Can you be a Christian without going to church. You may say yes, but the Bible says no.



New Year Prayer

OH. Young New Year, take not these things from me—
The olden faiths; the shining loyalty
Of friends the long and searching years have proved—
The glowing hearthfires, and the books I loved;
All wonted kindness and welcoming,
All safe, hard-ridden paths to which I cling.
Oh, Glad New Year, blithe with the thrill of spring—
Leave me the ways that were my comforting!

—*Boston Transcript.*

THINK.

I don't know whether the woeful failure of most people to think is due to faulty methods of teaching in our schools or not, but I am inclined to think that it is. Thinking, after a while, becomes the most pleasurable thing in the world. Failing to find the joy which they should find in accomplishing something, they turn to every imaginable variety of amusement. Instead of learning to drink in joy through their minds, they try to find it without effort, through their eyes and their ears—and, sometimes, their stomachs. It is all because they don't think, won't think. We sometimes learn a lot from our failures, if we have put into them the effort, the very best thought and work we are capable of.—Thomas Edison.

Empty hours, empty hands, empty companions, empty words and empty hearts draw in evil spirits, as a vacuum draws in air. To be occupied with good is the best defense against the inroads of evil.



Small Boy (to stranger who has rescued him)
—Thank you, mister. I'm glad you pulled me out. I wouldda got into an awful row at home if I'd been drowned.

Teacher: "What's the difference between an explosion and a collision?"

Student: "Well, in a collision you're here, and in an explosion where are you?"

Customer—Some weeks ago you gave me a plaster to enable me to get rid of lumbago.

Druggist—Well, did it act?

Customer—Yes, but now I want you to give me something to get rid of the plaster.

The teacher had asked Willie about seventeen questions, to each of which the reply had been monotonously unsatisfactory.

"Four times eight?"

"Don't know."

"Five times seven?"

"Don't know."

"Willie, I am wondering if there is anything at all that you can really answer!" exclaimed the exasperated pedagoguess.

"Yes, ma'am. The telephone."

A corn syrup manufacturing company received the following letter: "Dear Sirs—I have ate three cans of your corn syrup and it has not helped my corns one bit."

A bank which takes on a number of young men during the summer prints on their salary receipts a legend something like this:

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"I won't mention it to anybody. I'm just as much ashamed of it as you are."

"I think that children are not as observing as they should be," said the inspector to the teacher.

"I hadn't noticed it," replied the teacher.

"Well, I'll prove it to you;" and turning to the class the inspector said:

"Someone give me a number."

"Thirty-seven," said a little boy eagerly.

The inspector wrote 73 on the board and nothing was said.

"Will someone else give me a number?"

"Fifty-two," said another lad.

The inspector wrote down 25 on the board and smiled at the teacher. He called for another number and young Jack called out:

"Seventy-seven; now see if you can change that."

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North Bay, also Mr. Ed Farmer home from Chicago.

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All our four Sunday school Christmas tree entertainments were, as usual, splendid successes.

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We have a very fine class of school teachers as our educational leaders. Several rendered excellent service in the Christmas training of our Sunday school forces, besides valuable work continuously in our department of religious education. Mr. H. Loveless has gone for the holiday to the parental home at Galt; Miss

Jameson to St. Mary's; Miss Girvin to Manitoulin; Miss Thompson to Lakefield; Miss Baker to Parry Sound; Miss McGregor, Miss Johnson and Miss Graham at their homes in the Sault and Mr. Robins holidaying in Korah. We wish all a happy holiday and a welcome back to duty on January 5.

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Glad Mrs. A. Hill and Mrs. C. Anderson are able to return home, after recent serious operation, from the Plummer hospital.

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GREETINGS FOR 1925



WHAT LISA HAD TO GIVE.

"I'd like to give a thousand dollars, and I have only ten cents; but I'll give that," said Lisa to herself, and with an unclouded face she placed her little all on the plate.

She thought she gave only the dime in church; but she gave a drink of water to a thirsty child, and food to a beggar. She gave a helping hand to an old lady crossing the crowded street, and she gave a smile and a kind word to a discouraged boy.

She carried a bunch of flowers to a sick neighbor, and she offered to take care of the baby that the weary mother might rest quietly. She found grandmother's glasses, and she had father's slippers and paper ready for him when he came in tired at night.

All this and much more did Lisa give. Silver and gold she had none, but such as she had she freely gave, out of the very fulness of a loving little heart.

And He who seeth in secret took note of Lisa's gifts and accepted them.—The Child's Gem.

HOW NELLIE GOT RIGHT.

The Church Record tells this story of a child's experience that may be of some help to many older children:

Nellie, who had just recovered from a serious illness, said: "Mamma, I prayed last night."

"Did you, dear? Don't you always pray?"

"Oh, yes; but I prayed a real prayer last night. I don't think I ever prayed a real prayer before. I lay awake a long time. I thought what a naughty girl I had been so often. I tried to reckon up all the bad things I had done; there seemed to be lots of them. And I tried to remember what I did in one week, but there seemed to be such a heap; then I knew I had not remembered them all. And I thought, what if Jesus had come to me when I was ill? Then I thought about Jesus coming to die for bad people, and He delights to forgive them.

"So I got out of bed, and knelt down, and tried to tell Jesus how bad I was; and I asked Him to think over the sins that I could not remember. Then I waited and gave Him time to think of them; and when I thought He had remembered them all, I asked Him to forgive them. And I am sure He did,

mamma, because He said he would. Then I felt so happy, and I got into bed and did not feel a bit afraid of God any more."

"Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered."

TWO WISHES.

"I wish," said Jennie, "that Clara liked me well enough to do the thing I want to do, and give me things sometimes; then we could have such nice times together, and now we don't agree."

"I wish," said Jennie's mother, "that my little girl liked her friend Clara well enough to do the things her friend wants to do; then, I think, you would have nice times together."

Jennie thought over it, and then said: "I believe your wish is best, mamma. I'll go right over and tell Clara that I'll go to her picnic in the orchard this afternoon, instead of to my doll party that I wanted to have."

And—would you believe it—when she went to Clara she found her quite willing to come to the doll party; so they had the picnic first, and the doll party afterwards.—Christian Observer.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PENNY?

You would never have guessed it, but that bright, shiny, new penny was unhappy. It had heard Nora say, "I'm going to keep you for ever and ever."

But only the next day the penny went on a journey wrapped tight in Nora's handkerchief. Once or twice it was taken out to show another little girl; but it was always quickly returned to Nora's pocket.

Then, suddenly, that handkerchief came out in a great hurry, and before the eyes of the penny could wink it was dropped into a basket with other pennies, none of which were as shiny a penny as Nora's penny. The penny heard Nora's familiar voice, "Just think, uncle, it will help buy a Testament for a little girl in China."

The penny fairly jumped, it was so happy.—Exchange.

If a man tells you your virtues, watch him; if he tells you your faults, heed him.

Prayer is a key which, being turned by the hand of faith, unlocks all God's treasures.—Hannah Moore



For the BUSY BUSINESS MAN



Half the value of anything to be done is doing it promptly.

Wisdom is knowing what to do next, skill is knowing how to do it, and virtue is doing it.

Don't get so interested in what you're going to do tomorrow that you don't do anything today.

It is only by labor that thought can be made healthy, and only by thought that labor can be made happy.

Things that I felt absolutely sure of but a few years ago, I do not believe now; and this thought makes me see more clearly how foolish it would be to expect all men to agree with me.

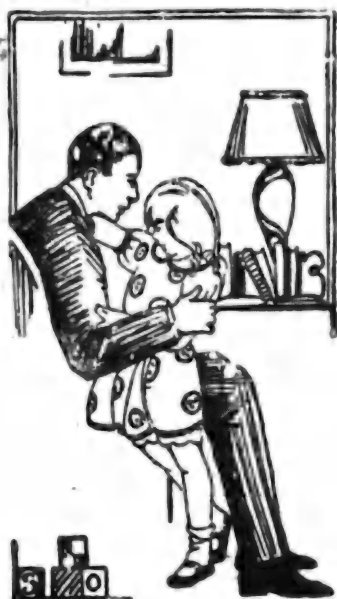
Each of us in his own way can be a powerful influence for good. One's radius of good can be limitless if his motto is service; if he will seek the opportunity, where he is at this moment, to serve whomsoever he can. To serve others with the service that they need and not with the service that one most likes to give is also necessary.

Whoever acquires knowledge but does not practice it is as one who ploughs but does not sow.—Saadi.

One man gets nothing but discord out of a piano; another gets harmony. No one claims the piano is at fault. Life is about the same. The discord is there, and the harmony is there. Study to play it correctly, and it will give forth the beauty; play it falsely, and it will give forth the ugliness. Life is not at fault.

There is no doubt that today industrial conditions favor the college man. But the college man who thinks that his greater learning gives him the privilege of working less hard than the man without such an education is going to end in disaster.—Charles M. Schwab.

The only way to keep men from agitating against grievances is to remove the grievances. An unwillingness even to discuss these matters produces only dissatisfaction and gives comfort to the extreme elements in our country which endeavor to stir up disturbances in order to provoke governments to embark upon a course of retaliation and repression. The seed of revolution is repression. The remedy for these things must not be negative in character. It must be constructive. It must comprehend the general interest. The real antidote for the unrest which manifests itself is not suppression, but a deep consideration of the wrongs that beset our national life and the application of a remedy.



If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins.
John 1:9.

To Every Father

What sort of an example are you setting your boy—your neighbor's boy? Would you want him to do all the things you do, think all the thoughts that cross the screen of your life?

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There are also 69 catechumens.

We have four Sunday schools, two Y. P. Leagues, three Trail Ranger groups, a strong C. G. I. T., and a possible new Taxis.

In our Adult department, a Women's Missionary and four Ladies' Aid societies. In recent months a Circuit Ladies' Aid has been formed, and a parsonage committee, but no permanent parsonage or manse yet. Hoping, however.

The official board consists of about 40.

We have one student probationer, Peter Renner of Prince, now at Albert College, Belleville. He was not forgotten this Christmas, as the Leagues and C. G. I. T. showered in loving remembrances. He is making good. We're proud of Pete.

Our missionary and conference funds of \$450, with Ladies' Aid proceeds of \$350, were important items of our finance budget of \$2,877.

Our local preacher, Mr. George H. Farmer, is holding the fort by supplying Iron Bridge Circuit for the winter. Good reports coming in of efficient work.

Our East Korah Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Hy. Penno, has been for many moons up North Superior on lighthouse duty. Welcome home.

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*Our New Year Greetings and a
Prosperous 1925*



NOW THAT you have read our Vol. 1, No. 1 what have you to say? If it is a kindly word,—pass it on,—kind words never die. If you do not like it (and you may have reasons, too) if you feel kind of "criticizey," just tell the editor, give him first chance to know, or explain. Isn't that fair? Or, tell the pastor's wife—quiet like—you know. She will pass it on. We want your suggestions. Our best friends are not always those who say the nicest saying. Just one thing more—the acid test—send in your subscriptions—and cash—it counts—from the field, the city, Ontario, Canada, U. S., anywhere 100 the first week of 1925. Who's first? Yes, thank you Mr. Pope—you are. Now we know why the Christian Men's Workers' League have you as president and why they do things. Alright—who next?



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Fredrick T. Shafter
was Meth. minister

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Stewart Grafton Sr.

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Also owned, Ching. W. con. 1 lot 4 S $\frac{1}{2}$, 1820

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Stewart Grafton Sr., father of Thomas, left Northern Ireland in 1796 and emigrated to Virginia where relatives had plantations. He bought land and raised cotton, corn, and tobacco, and prospered for 15 years. At the outbreak of war in 1812 he remained loyal to Britain, and selling his estate, he brought his family to Upper Canada. The journey was made largely on foot with their goods loaded on pack-horses, and of the 1600 miles travelled, a large part lay through territory not yet wrested from the red man. On 6 May 1812, they arrived in York.

Stewart Grafton sought out Sir Isaac Brock Administrator of the Province and offered his services in the militia. His offer was accepted and he served throughout the war. He was in the lines at Queenston Heights when Brock was hit. After the war he received a grant of 200 acres of land near the spot now occupied by ^{the intersection of} Queen and Yonge Sts in Toronto. He found

Stewart Grafton Jr. - 2

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For 25 years he was a class leader of the Methodist Church, and for much of that was also a local preacher.

For the family's loyalty to Britain in the war of 1812, he, ~~with~~ ^{and} his brothers, James and Thomas, ~~was~~ ^{were} each granted 150 acres of land. His grant was in lot 1, con 5 Toronto W.

He did not follow the occupation of farming long, as merchandising attracted him. With his son, James B., he opened a clothing establishment at Dundas. His second son, J. Stewart joined his enterprise also. It was conducted with great success and developed into the firm of Grafton & Co., with numerous branch stores in various cities. The leadership of the organization has rested successively with Stewart Grafton Jr., his son, James B. Grafton, his grandson Col. J. L. ~~Grafton~~ Grafton, and his great grandson, J. Stewart Grafton.

Col. J. L. Grafton's son married --- Butchart, lives at Owen Sound
Ont. --- McCallum, Toronto

LAND BOOK

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UPPER CANADA.

1816 - 1819

P. 475

4th Nov. 1818.

Stewart Grafton, Jun. Praying for a grant of land as a settler.

On producing a certificate of his having taken the Oath of Allegiance Ordered an appropriation of one hundred and fifty acres to be confirmed when of age, he being only twenty years of age.

James Grafton - Praying for a part of Land as a settler.

On producing a certificate of his having taken the Oath of Allegiance. Ordered, 150 acres.

Thomas Grafton - Same as above. (James).

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Land Book "I"

U. C. 1811-1816. Prov. Archives.

19 May 1812.

Petition Read before the Council.

Stewart Grafton of the Twp. of Markham Yeoman Stating that
he is a native of Ireland and 52 years of Age & Praying for
a Grant of Land as a Settler.

Recommended for a Grant of 200 acs. of Land
under the Regulations of July 1804.

Appd.

1812
52
1760

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p. 157. Read before the Council 28th November 1821.

Stewart Grafton. Upon the application of Stewart Grafton for Confirmation to his Son of the East half and North Quarter of Lot No 7 in the 5th Concession West of the Centre Road in the Township of Toronto reserved for him until he became of age.

Stewart Grafton Sen.^r personally appearing at the Board declared that his Son Stewart has actually attained the Age of twenty one Years and offered to attest the Same on Oath, but the appearance of Stewart Grafton Junr. Satisfying the Committee, it dispensed with the ratification by Oath and respectfully recommend that the Order in his favor be confirmed and that a description do issue for the Lot reserved when the Settlement duty shall be performed.

Ordered Accordingly.

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Mrs. Brown

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Summary

GRAFTON

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We have yet to check a
few of these factories
with Rev. Fred. Grafton

TORONTO WEST Con.2, Lot 10.

Patent 21 May, 1824, Stewart Grafton Sr. 200 acres..

STEWART GRAFTON SR.

b. 1760 in Ireland.

Children:

Stewart Jr. See below.

Thomas See below.

James. See below.

and 7 daughters.

Stewart Grafton Sr. was a native of Ireland, who in 1796 emigrated to Virginia, bought land and raised cotton, corn and tobacco, remained there until the outbreak of the War of 1812, when being loyal to Britain, he sold his land and came to Canada.

He settled first
in Markham twp.
later in Toronto
twp. in 1812.

(Rev. F.T.Grafton and Petition). He enlisted in the militia and fought in the War of 1812.

(See FROM BROCK TO CURRIE, Appendix 2.) He received the above grant in 1824. Both he and his wife were devout Methodists.

TORONTO EAST Con.2, Lot 11. NE $\frac{1}{2}$.

Patent 16 Dec., 1823. 100 acres
to

THOMAS GRAFTON

s. of Stewart Grafton Sr.

b. in Ireland 1795.

d. 1866.

m. Huldah Hopkins, daughter of Daniel Hopkins,
formerly of Stoney Creek, later of Châteauguay.

Both buried in Brtiannia cemetery.

CHILDREN:

Testimony (1823-9)

Wm. See below.

Artimissima Patience (1827-77) m. Joseph Armstrong.

Thos. See below.

Daniel (1831-95)

Stewart (1834-1919) m. Catherine Kennedy. Moved
to Calgary.

Testimony (1836-95) m. Joseph Switzer.

Royal See below.

Harriet Amanda. (1841-1916) m. Wm. Commings.

Edwin Wesley . See below.

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Thomas Grafton went to Virginia with his parents, then came to Canada with them in 1812. He fought as a private in 1812. (FROM BROCK TO CURRIE, Appendix 2). In 1819 he went out with Bristol's surveying party to make the New Survey of Toronto and Chingacousy. The compass they used in their surveying was supposedly inaccurate, thus accounting for the jogs in the roads to correct the deviation. He received Lot 11, Con.2, Toronto East 100 acres in ¹⁸²⁴1850 as payment for his work on the survey. (Evening Telegram, Jan. 14, 1935)

A story is told of their yearly years on the farm.

A family of new settlers brought emigrant fever with them. Huldah Grafton nursed them, caught it herself, and narrowly escaped death, her 6 year old daughter, Testimony dying of it. (FROM MEDICINE MAN TO MEDICAL MAN, pp 67-8). In 1839 Thomas was on the Grand Jury of the Home District.

Edwin Wesley Grafton.

b. 1844.

d. 1915.

m. Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of Alexander Campbell
of Brampton.

s. of Thomas Grafton.

At age of 25 he went to Chicago and was there
at the time of the great fire. In 1890 he moved to
Washington, D.C. and spent the rest of his life
there. He was a member of the Baptist Church, LaFayette
Lodge #19 A.F.&A.M. and of the Order of the Eastern
Star. He was one of the charter members of Good
Templar's Lodge. (Conservator).

Thomas Grafton Jr:

b. 1828

d. 1893.

m. Eliza Armstrong.

Children:

Hamilton F. Western Canada. m. Jane Shaw.

Marie m. Wm. Davis.

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Wm. Grafton

b. 1825.

d. 1892.

s. of Thomas Grafton.

m. Mary Jane Armstrong, daughter of "Cheery" Armstrong.

Children:

Chas. Hopkins, Winnipeg.

Huldah m. I. Levitt.

Maggie m. Hy. Jermyn

Minnie, Winnipeg.

Amanda m. Ben Backwill.

Geo. m. Has one son Chas.

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TORONTO EAST Con.2, Lot 11.

20 April, 1866, 100 acres E $\frac{1}{2}$ acquired for \$1 by

ROYAL GRAFTON

b. 1838

d. 1916. Buried Prospect cemetery, Toronto.

s. of Thomas, above.

m. in 1876 Agnes Mary, (1848-1918) daughter of David Patterson, Oakville.

Children:

Vida A. m. Wm. King, Toronto.

Grace m. Arthur Hook, Toronto.

Amanda m. Joseph McBride, Toronto.

Rev. Fred.T. See below.

Edgar See below.

Also owned: Toronto East Con. 2, Lot 12, pt. 21
May, 1897, for \$1.

Con.2, Lot 13, NE $\frac{1}{2}$ 21 May,
1897 for \$1. ($\frac{1}{3}$ interest)

Con.2, Lot 15, W $\frac{1}{2}$, 21 May
1897 ($\frac{1}{3}$ interest)

Royal Grafton was one of the principal figures in the formation of Palestine Primitive Methodist Church about 1865 and occupied the post of Society Steward. Later he was Superintendent of the Sunday School of the Brampton circuit. (Rev. F.T.Grafton)

In 1866 he served as Captain in militia in Fenian Raids, being stationed along Welland canal. (Rev. F.T.Grafton. FROM BROCK TO CURRIE, pp225, 229, 230-3. Appendix 5) ^{XIV} (Also Diary of Royal Grafton) He received a grant in Nipissing after Raids.

In 1869 he was commissioned Captain of the Derry West Coy. of 36th Peel Bn.

From farming he turned his attention to bridge building and in partnership with ---Price went into this business. He invented an undertruss Suspension Bridge which he patented in 1889. IN 1897 there were about 20 of these in the County and in 1910 he had built over 100 of them in the province of Ontario and in Manitoba. One of his bridges on Centre Road was put to a severe test when 28 tons of cattle ran over it at one time. It withstood the strain. In 1911 he retired and moved to Toronto. (Interview with Edgar Grafton) ~~XXXX~~

He collected subscriptions for ~~the Orange Hall~~ ^{a church with Mr. Cummer} at Palestine, but didn't collect enough, so asked for a double contribution, when the doubled subscriptions were collected, he built Palestine Church. ^{because the temperance society felt they should be in a right house} (Rev. F.T.Grafton).

Rev. Mr. Grafton says his father was never an Orangeman.

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TORONTO EAST Con.2, Lot 10

1 Sept. 1922 49½ acres bought for \$2800 by

EDGAR GRAFTON

b. 1880

s. of Royal Grafton.

m. daughter of Wm. Russell, Toronto East, Con.2, Lot 5

Trustee of Palestine United Church.

Began breeding Yorkshire swine about 1900.

(questionnaire)

REV. FRED. T. GRAFTON

s. of Royal Grafton.

m. Jennie Wilson.

Educated at S.S.#10 and Brampton H.S. As a young man wrote. In 1893 Conservator published a short story "The Pinta" which was awarded first prize for Peel in a contest conducted by the Montreal Witness. The latter paper also published an article by him on "Pioneer Life". He taught school for several years, then in 1897 took up the insurance business. After some years he became Barrie manager for the Manufacturer's Life. After a successful career in this business, he entered the ministry of the Methodist Church in Toronto. (Newspaper clipping)

Children: a son a doctor. *Hartley*
also another son. *daughter Marie*

TORONTO WEST Con.2, Lot 10.

17 Feb., 1825. 200 acres bought for £100 by

JAMES GRAFTON

s. of Stewart Grafton Sr.

Children: Captain Thomas. See below.

Also owned: Toronto West, Con.5, Lot 7, 50 ac. 1824. 1
17 Dec. Patent.

Toronto East, Con.2, Lot 11, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 100 ac.
Patent 17 Dec. 1824.

Chingacousy W., Con.1, Lot 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 10 April
1820.

Born in Ireland, came to Virginia with family, then
to Canada. Member of Wesleyan Methodist Church.
1827 Juryman.

CAPTAIN THOMAS GRAFTON

b. 1833

d. 1874. Buried in Churchville cemetery.

s. of James Grafton above.

m. Ann Erwin. (1833-1908)

Children: John (1861-2)
Infant son 1863.
Charlotte (1871-3)

Thomas Grafton was a blacksmith, captain of the
Derry West Militia Company at the time of Fenian Raids.
(FROM BROCK TO CURRIE, pp225, 244, 255. Appendices V
XLV)

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TORONTO WEST Con.2, Lot 10.

Patent 21 May, 1824. 200 acres to

STEWART GRAFTON Jr.

b. Virginia 1800.

d. 1851.

s. of Stewart Grafton Sr.

m. Margaret Beatty, daughter of Rev. John Beatty.

(See John Beatty, pioneer)

Children:

J. Stewart

James B.

Mary Ida m Dr. Edwards, s. J Bartholomew
Bull & Elizabeth Burke

Also owned:

Toronto West Con.5, Lot 7. 150 acres. Patent
21 Dec. 1824.Toronto East Con.3, Lot 7, 100 acres. Sw $\frac{1}{2}$ 1825.
£59.Con.4, Lot 1, S $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 May, 1842. £800/Toronto SDS Con.1, Lot 6, S $\frac{1}{2}$. 28 Oct., 1846. £400.Lot 8, 200 acres. 22 Oct.
1833. £600.

For 25 years he was a class leader of the
Methodist Church, and for a great deal of that time
was also a local preacher. (Rev. G.W. Lynd)

He was not a farmer, but with his son Jas.B., he opened
a clothing store at Dundas. His second son J. Stewart,
joined the enterprise too. It was very successful and
developed into the firm of Grafton and Company

with branches in various cities. Leadership in the
firm has rested with Stewart Grafton, his son Jas.B.,
His grandson Col. C., and his great grandson, J. Stewart.
(Questionnaire)

Col. J. J. Grafton was
married - Bulchard, lived
at Owen Sound. His son
married Dr. McCollum
Toronto

J. J. Grafton

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Lots & Concessions

Toronto Township West

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* Lot 10 Con 2. Pat 21 May 1824 Stewart Grafton 200 ac
 4 * 17 Feb 1825 Jas Grafton 200 ac £ 100

* Lot 7 Con 5 W. (178 $\frac{1}{2}$ + 170 $\frac{1}{2}$) Pat 21 Dec 1824 Stewart Grafton 350 ac
 * S 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 7 Con 5 W. Pat. 17 Dec 1824 Jas. Grafton 500 ac
 Trup Toronto native Ireland

Township of Toronto E.

* Con 3 Lot 7 S W 2, 10 Jan 1825 Stewart Grafton 100 ac
 £ 59

* Con 4, Lot 1, E. 3 May 1842 Stewart Grafton S 2 £ 800.

TOR. E.

* Lot 10 con 2 - 1850 Directory - Thomas Grafton

* Lot 9 con 2 - 1850 Directory - William Grafton

- * Lot 6 Con 1 S.D.S. 28 Oct 1846 Stewart Grafton S. 1/2 £400
- * Lot 6 Con 1 S.D.S. 22 Oct 1833 Stewart Grafton same £400

~~Rev. F. J. Grafton~~

~~534 Palamoro Tom, Blund~~

~~Coronto~~

Ching West.

- * Lot 4. Con. I, 10 Apr. 1820. ^{James} Grafton. N.E. 1/2.

- * Lot 4 Con 1. 16 Feb. 1820. ^{James} Grafton S. 1/2 £50.

For W.

Lot 10 con. 2 - 1850 Directory, Stewart Grafton.
Pat. May 1824 Stewart Grafton S. 1/2 200 Ac

Joint Int.
S.D.S.

- * Lot 1, Con 1, 1850 Directory Stewart Grafton

Township of Toronto, E

✓ * Con 2 Lot 12, E, 21 May 1891, Royal Grafton, Undivided
 $\frac{1}{3}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ &
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$, \$100

✓ * Con 2 Lot 13, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 21 May 1897, Royal Grafton, 100 ac \$1⁰⁰ etc
 (undivided $\frac{1}{3}$
 interest)

✓ * Con 2 Lot 15, W $\frac{1}{2}$, 21 May 1897, Royal Grafton, W $\frac{1}{2}$, (an
 undivided
 third)

Township of Toronto, E.

✓ * Con 2 Lot 10, E, 1 Sept 1922, Edgar Grafton, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ A \$2800
 S. of Royal.

✓ * Con 2 Lot 11, NE $\frac{1}{2}$, Patent, 16 Dec 1823, Thos. Grafton, 100 ac

✓ * Con 2 Lot 11, NE $\frac{1}{2}$, 20 Apr 1866, Royal Grafton 100 ac \$1.00
 S. of Thos.

✓ * Con 2 Lot 11, SW $\frac{1}{2}$, Patent, 17 Dec 1824 Jas. Grafton, 100 ac

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Thomas Grafton & descendants
(son of Stewart Sr.)

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Toronto E. 25848
con. 2, lot 11

Patent 16 Dec. 1823, 100 acres E $\frac{1}{2}$ to

Thomas Grafton -

b. 1795 d. 1866, buried with his wife and children
in Britannia Cemetery (GARDENERS)

2. of Stewart & Grafton I, see below

m. 1823. Huldah Hopkins b. 1804, N.Y. State, d. 1880
~~buried Gardeners Cemetery~~, dau. of Daniel
Hopkins, Ching. E. con. 5 lot 2

Children: Testimony b. 1823 d. 1829 ~~see below~~
Thomas Jr. b. 1828 ~~see below~~
Edwin Wesley b. 1844 ~~see below~~

Stewart. b. 1834, d. 1919

Artimissa Patience b. 1827, d. 1877, m. 1851 Joseph
Armstrong

Testimony b. 1836 ^{d. 1895} m. Joseph Switzer, Toronto W.
con. 5, lot 11.

William b. 1825 ^{d. 1882} ~~see below~~

Harriet Amanda b. 1841 ^{d. 1916} m. Wm. Cumming

Royal ^{b. 1838, d. 1916}, see below

Daniel b. 1831, 1895

this land of poor quality for cultivation and later moved north to what is now Eglinton St. in Toronto west of Yonge. He lived the rest of his life here ~~and when he died was buried in the~~
~~fact of the Necropolis cemetery near the Don.~~
^{Buried Necropolis Cemetery}

Both he and his wife were devout Methodists.

In addition to his grant of 200 acres he was awarded 150 acres for each of his three sons, which they received as they became of age. They settled in Toronto Twp. as follows: Stewart on lot 10, con 2 W., James on ~~lot~~ lot 11, con 2 E. and Thomas on this lot.

Homqs. Grafton.

Born in Ireland Oct. 9th 1795. ^{son of Stewart Sr.} Parents left Ireland in 1796. Followed relations to cotton plantations of the south. Cultivated corn, cotton and tobacco for 15 yrs. He was made a magistrate. Came by land a distance of 1600 miles to Canada in 1814. He was on had to hire ferryman to take him across Niagara River came to York. Had intercourse with General Sir Isaac Brock and obtained land on S side of Burlington Ave north of Upper Canada College Town.

In 1819 Thos. went out with surveying party under Amosby Street who was surveying. New Survey of Towns. Bradford & Esquimaux Trops. His duty was to pilot the way for the packmen and the work, in advance of the surveyors and in preparing quarters for the night. Received land as payment. Settled on his lot no. 11, lot 2. E on 1824 1850 and married Hulda Hopkins Jan. 20. 1823. He died June 30. 1866. In. Twp. Cant.

Hulda Hopkins Grafton

Born in state of New York Apr. 6. 1804. She removed to Canada when very young, residing first at Stony Creek & subsequently in Burlington County. Married Thos. Shaflyon on Jan. 20. 1823. Converted at 14 to Wesleyan Church. a great worker in this church. Died Oct 20. 1880. Interred in graveyard attached to "Gordon's Church".

Their children

Testimony	Nov. 2. 1823.	Died Dec. 1849.	
William	May 16. 1825	married	married Mary Ann Armstrong Jan 3/50
Artemissa	Feb 17 1827	"	July 4 1877 " J. Armstrong 23 Apr 1851
Thomas	Nov. 1 1828	"	Eliza " 3 June 1852
Daniel	Mar. 28 1831	"	Bahamie Kennedy 24 Oct 1853
Stewart	May 27 1834	"	J. S. Switzer 23 Oct 1858
Testimony	June 12. 1836	"	29 Dec 1875
Royal.	Jan 19, 1838	"	Jan 11, 1916
Harriet	Nov 7. 1841	"	31 st Leamington 19 Dec 1861
Edwin Wesley.	Sept 20 1844	"	Elizabeth Campbell 13 Sept 1878

In 1819 Thomas Grafton went with ~~Assessors~~ Timothy Street's surveying party (as compassman) to lay out the New Survey of Town to Twp. and the twp. of Chinguacousy. It is ^{said} ~~thought~~ that the compass used on this Survey was not accurate, resulting in the little jogs in the sideroads to correct the deviation. He received this lot for his ~~own~~ work on the Survey, and immediately began the task of clearing the land and erecting a log cabin. He brought in the first wagon in the district. Three years later he married and brought his bride to the homestead.

Both Thomas and his wife were members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church ^{con 4E lot 5} until 1860 when she joined the Primitive Methodist Church at Palestine. ~~A story~~

A story is related of their early years on the farm, when a newly-arrived family of settlers brought the dreaded emigrant fever with them. Although the whole family were ill, no one but Huldah Grafton would minister to them. She visited them daily until they recovered, carrying medicine and food. Then she took the disease and Doctor McCuaig of York was summoned. After several visits he declared she would not recover. While the family were expecting her ~~recovery~~ death, her six-year-old daughter test-
amony caught the fever and died. Then she rallied and recovered. The expenses of the doctors visits on this occasion were not fully met by the sale of 100 acres of land.

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Thomas Grafton. Praying for a Grant of Land as a
Settler.

On producing a Certificate of his having
taken the Oath of Allegiance, Ordered 150 acs.

Grafton

THE EVENING TELEGRAM, Jan. 14, 1935.

TWO TOWNSHIPS WERE NAMED AFTER INDIAN AND HIS SQUAW

Brampton, Jan. 14--The townships of Chinguacousy in Peel County, and Esquesing, in Halton, were named, according to an old family legend bequeathed by Thomas Grafton, assistant to the first surveyor in the County of Peel to his descendants, after a well known Indian and his squaw.

In Halton the usual interpretation of the name "Esquesing" is "land of the tall pines," of which there were enough and to spare when the first settlers hacked their homes from the wilderness, but possibly the Indian lady had a name akin to that of the modern interpretation.

Thomas Grafton assisted Dr. Bristol in making what is still known as "the old survey" in Toronto Township. The "new survey", running across the northern section of Toronto Township and southern Chinguacousy and embracing the townships of Trafalgar and Esquesing in Halton, was made under the direction of Timothy Street, after whom the Centre road in Peel County was to be called "The Street." Unfortunately for Mr. Street's vanity he left the first "t" uncrossed, and the Surveyor-General, who was in a hurry that day, thought that the road was to be called "The Sheet," so he declared it was to be known as "Huronario street," and that was that.

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Chinguacousy

Evening Telegram

14 June, 1935.

The Centre road was the line from which surveys ran east and west, and according to Edgar Grafton, grandson of Thomas Grafton, the "jogs" which have irritated motorists on Peel road were probably due to the imperfect compass used on the the job bearing a little to the east of true north. Thomas Grafton, finished with his share of the surveying, was given a farm of 100 acres in Toronto Township, north of the Derry West sideroad, where his grandson still farms.

Dr. Bristol, through with his work in the southern end of Toronto Township, was employed by Timothy Street, along with a group of young pioneers, who each received 100 acres of land for their share of the work. Street was paid in land, money and priveleges. There wasn't much money in the job, but he was given a mill privilege on the Credit River, and having settled down to pastoral life, he opened a grist ~~mill~~ and saw mill about which the village of Streetsville grew.

work done by his father as compass man to the surveying party.

NAMED AFTER INDIAN.

At that time, according to the writer, almost the entire county of Peel was an unbroken forest having been purchased by the government from the native Indians. A contract was entered into by Timothy Street, to survey what is now known as the new survey of Toronto and Trafalgar townships and also the south half of Chingacousy and Esquesing, two townships named after a well-known local Indian and his squaw.

"Mr. Street was paid chiefly in land with some money and choice of a mill privilege," continues the writer. "He selected a site on the River Credit where years after, he erected a grist and saw mill, and founded the village of Streetsville." "Mr. Street employed Dr. Bristol and a number of young men to assist, who received 100 acres of land each for their services."

When Toronto township was completed the party proceeded to the north-east corner (Grahamsville) where they commenced running the town line.

"JOGS" EXPLAINED.

Mr. Grafton then explains the little "jogs," so puzzling to travellers of to-day, as a possible outcome of the compass bearing a little to the east where the Toronto township lines were being run.

The contract called for a survey extending only to No. 17, in Chingacousy, the country already opened up being sufficient for the needs of the incoming settlers, but there was such an influx of settlers in the same year that the contract was extended to cover all Chingacousy and Esquesing, the survey being completed in the year 1819.

SURVEYOR TURNS PIONEER.

When Thomas Grafton's work was completed with the surveying party, he selected for his reward the 100 acres of land in Toronto township, just north of the Derry sideroad, where he ensconced himself in a tiny shack and started the work of clearing the land.

Ref. con 2 lot 11

In 1823, he married Hulda Hopkins, daughter of Daniel Hopkins, whose uncle Caleb Hopkins, was one of the earliest members of Parliament in Upper Canada. In accordance with the crown deed to the farm, a new house was erected, part of which is to-day incorporated in the present beautiful home occupied by the third and fourth generations of the Craiton family. ✓

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PROVINCE OF UPPER-CANADA.

(sgd.) P. Maitland.

GEORGE the FOURTH by the Grace of GOD of
the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
King Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these Presents shall come—

—Greetings:

KNOW YE, That We, of our special Grace, certain
Knowledge, and mere Motion, have Given and GRANTED,
and by these Presents, do give Give and GRANT, unto
Thomas Grafton, a native of Ireland, now of the
Township of York in the County of York, in the Home
District, Yeoman _____
his heirs and assigns for ever; ALL that parcel or
tract of LAND, situate in The Township of Toronto
in the County of York in the Home District _____
in our said p Province, containing by admeasurement
One hundred acres _____ be the same more or less, being
the North Easterly half of Lot No. Eleven ^{on} in the Second
Concession, East of Hurontario Street, in the said
Township _____

Together
TOGETHER with all the Woods and Waters thereon being
and being under the reservations, limitations, and
conditions, hereinafter expressed; which said One hundred
acres are butted and bounded or may be otherwise known
as follows. that is to say; Commencing where a post
has been planted at the Easterly angle of the said half

lot, then North forty-five degrees West, forty chains more or less to where a post has been planted at the Northerly Angle of the said half lot, then South thirty-eight degrees West, thirty-three chains thirty three links and a half more or less to the centre of the said Concession. Then South forty -five degrees East, ⁴⁰ ~~thirty~~ chains more or less to the Southern limit of the said half lot, then North ~~thirty~~ thirty eight degrees East Thirty three chains thirty-three links and a half more or less to the place of beginning.-----

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said parcel or trace of Land, hereby given and granted to him the said Thomas Grafton—his heirs and assigns for ever; saving nevertheless, to Us, ~~our~~ our Heirs and Successors, all Mines of Gold and Silver that shall or may be hereafter found on any part of the said parcel or tract of Land hereby given and granted as aforesaid: and saving and reserving to Us, our Heirs and Successors, all White Pine Trees that ~~shall~~ shall or may now or hereafter grow or be growing on any part of the said parcel or tract of Land hereby granted, as aforesaid. PROVIDED ALWAYS, that no part of the parcel or tract of Land hereby ~~marked for Us, our heirs and successors, by our Surveyor General of Woods or his~~ ^{given and} ~~lawful Deputy in which~~ granted to the said Thomas Grafton and his heirs, be within any reservation, heretofore made and marked for Us, our heirs and successors, by our General of Woods, or his lawful Deputy in which this our grant for such part of the Land hereby given and granted to the said Thomas Grafton and his heirs for ever; as aforesaid: and which shall, upon a survey thereof, being

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made, be found within any such reservation, shall be null and void and of none effect any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

PROVIDED ALSO, that the said Thomas Grafton—
his heirs or assigns, shall and do within three years, erect and build or cause to be erected and built, in and upon some part of the said parcel or tract of Land a good and sufficient dwelling house he the said Thomas Grafton or his assigns, not having built, or not being in his or their own right lawfully possessed of a house in our said Province, and be therein, or cause some person to be therein resident, for and during the space of three years, then next ensuing the building of the same.

PROVIDED ALSO, that if at any time or times hereafter, the Land so hereby given and granted to the said Thomas Grafton and his heirs shall come into the possession of tenure of any person or persons whomsoever either by virtue of any Deed of sale conveyance, enfeoffment (?) or exchange; or by gift, inheritance, descent, devise, or marriage, and such person or persons shall within twelve months next after his, her, or their entry into, and possession of the same take the oaths prescribed by Law, before some one of the Magistrates of our said Province, and a certificate of such oath having been so taken, shall cause to be recorded in the Secretary's Office of the said Province. IN DEFAULT of all or any of which conditions, limitations, and restrictions, this said Grant and every thing herein contained, shall be, and We hereby declare the same to be null & null and void, to all intents and purposes

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whatsoever, and the ^Land hereby granted, and every part and parcel thereof, shall revert to, and become ~~re~~ vested in Us, our Heirs and Successors, in like manner as if the same had never been granted, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

AND WHEREAS, by an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain passed in the thirty-first year of the Reign of the late King George the Third, entitled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act, passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Ontario in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," it is declared "that no grant of lands hereafter made, shall be valid or effectual, unless the same shall contain a specification of the lands to be allotted and appropriated solely to the maintenance of a Protestant Clergy within the said Province in respect of the Lands to be thereby granted."—Now KNOW YE, that We have caused an allotment or appropriation of Fourteen acres and two sevenths to be made in lot No Twelve in the first Concession west of Hurontario Street, in the said Township of Toronto—

GIVEN under the Great Seal of our Province of Upper-Canada: Witness our ~~our~~ trusty and well beloved Sir Peregrine Maitland, K.C.B. Lieutenant Governor of our said Province and Major General, Commanding our forces therein at York—this Sixteenth—day of December in

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the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
twenty three—and fourth of our Reign.

By command of His Excellency in council D. Cameron Reg.

Jno. B. Robinson
Atty. Gen.

O.C. 4 Nov. 1818 under the admⁿ of Sir P. Maitland
K.C.B. L^t. Gov^r for 100 acres of Land Reg^d this July 1804
fee
Patent ~~for~~ and survey paid settlement duty performed.

Entered with the auditor
Twenty Seventh day of December 1825.

L. Heward
Auditor Genl. A.C.

(Beeswax seal attached)

TORONTO

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Cons. #1 & 2,

West Hurontario St.

In Council of September 1819

Ordered that Thomas Grafton and James Grafton be permitted to Exchange Lot No 6 in the 6th Concession West of the Centre Road Toronto with Timothy Street for Lot No 11 in the 2nd Concession of Toronto East of the Centre Road. A Note thereof in writing signed by the Parties being left with the Surveyor General to correct the Map and schedule.

(signed)

John Berkis

Confe. Clk.

To

The Surveyor General

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TORONTO
Cons. # 1 & 2,
West Hurontario St.

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Lot 11, Con, 2, E. C. R.) Toronto
Lot 6, Con. 6, W. C. R.)

Thos. Ridout, Esqr.

Sir

I have exchanged lot No. 11 in the second
Concession the Township of Toronto east of the
Centre road with James & Thos. Grafton for lot No.
6 in the 6th Concession West of the Centre road and
it is a request between both parties to have the
names exchanged on the Maps

(signed)

Timothy Street

Thomas Grafton

Jas. Grafton

York 18th Octr. 1819.

ed for
Grafton

Wesleyan Peter beam

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IN MEMORIAM

Primitive Methodist

of

Mrs. Huldah Hopkins Grafton.

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The subject of this brief memoir was born in the State of New York, in the year 1804, and died in the Township of Toronto, October 20th, 1880. She removed to Canada when very young, residing first at Stoney Creek, and subsequently at Chinguacousy. Here she was married to Thomas Grafton in the year 1823, when she removed to the second line of the Township of Toronto, and remained there until the day of her death. The most eventful period of her history was her conversion to God, when only fourteen years of age. This change, though not marked by any outward revolution in her life, was to her own mind clear and satisfactory. She knew by experience the meaning of the "Witness of the Spirit," and had to her latest hour an abiding sense of the Divine favor. Her conversion was accomplished under the instrumentality of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and consequently she joined the membership of that branch of the Church, and continued in the fellowship until the year 1866. Sometime before this an appointment had been established by the Primitive Methodist Church in the immediate neighborhood of her home, and her own church being so far distant, she was urged by her friends, and finally resolved to cast in her lot with us. The appointment is known as "Palestine," and of which her son Royal is the worthy society steward.

IN MEMORIAM

of

Mrs. Huldah Hopkins Grafton.

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Altogether she was in church fellowship about sixty-two years, and was always regarded as a consistent and useful member. She was diligent and devout in her attendance upon the ordinances of religion. She loved the habitation of God's House, and delighted herself greatly in class and prayer meetings. Her home was always open to the ministers of religion, and in the early days of Methodism her home was the stopping-place, of the weary missionary of the cross. Some two months before her death she was taken ill, and it was evident to nearly all that it was an illness unto death. Despite all that medical aid could do our beloved sister gradually sank until death came and put an end to her suffering. Her last days were in many respects her best. They were marked by resignation to the Lord's voice, strong confidence in God's promises, a bright and ever-brightening hope of Heaven. Again and again did she lift her feeble voice in expressions of calm and settled trust in God, of victorious faith, and holy praise. Only a few hours before she passed away, in the presence of many of her friends and family, I administered to her the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. It was felt to be a most solemn occasion and a time of refreshing. As the aged and dying saint partook of the bread and the wine tears of holy joy flowed down the wasted

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of

Mrs. Huldah Hopkins Grafton.

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check. Her end, which came that evening, was peaceful and triumphant:

As sweetly as a child,
Whom neither thought disturbs nor care encumbers,
Tired with long play at the closing summer's day,
Lies down and slumbers.

Her body was interred in the graveyard attached to "Gardiner's Church," (C. M.), and was followed thither by a large and respectable concourse of friends and relations. A short memorial service was conducted in the church by the writer, assisted by Rev. Mr. Dennis. May her children, whose conversion she greatly desired and prayed for, be comforted with the thought that "their loss is her endless gain."

Hebrews vi. 12.

W. Reid,

Minister in Charge.

Brampton, 7th Dec., 1880.

LINES

Respectfully addressed to the surviving relatives and
friends of the late Mr. Thomas Grafton, who
died 30th June, 1866.

His Sun went down in the far west,
Its fixed course was run,

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of

Mrs. Huldah Hopkins Grafton.

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The night had come, he went to rest,

His Saviour said, "Well done."

Weep not dear friends, weep not for him,

In heaven he's happier far.

Than any in this world of sin

And misery ever are.

O be not then by grief distressed,

He's now in heaven above,

Where angels bright and spirits blest

Are singing "God is love."

You sorrow for one very dear,

A husband, father, friend,

Yet God to you is ever near,

And will be to the end.

A husband to the widowed heart,

Friend to the friendless, He,

A father to the fatherless

He says He e'er will be.

Cling to that God who kindly said,

"Cast ll your care on me."

IN MEMORIAM

of

Mrs. Huldah Hopkins Grafton.

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Assured that He will care for you,
Nor friendless can you be.

C. Y. Moore,

July 1st, 1866.

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Toronto E, con 2, lot 11

Thomas Grafton, Jr.

b. 1828, A.

s. of Thomas Grafton, above.

m. Eliza Fraser, widow of Joseph Armstrong, hotel-
keeper, Derry West.

Children:

Hamilton F. - Western Canada,
m. Jane Shaw

Marie, m. Wm. Davis

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Sam J. Thomas

TORONTO COUNCIL 1869 - 1870 1872-1872

Petition of Thomas Grafton for a certificate of Tavern License.

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Edwin Wesley Grafton

b. 1844 d. 1915, Washington, D.C.

s. of Thomas Grafton, above.

m. Elizabeth Campbell, dau. of Alexander Campbell, Brampton.

at the age of 25 he went to Chicago, and was there at the time of the great fire in that city. In 1890 he moved to Washington, D.C. and spent the rest of his life there. Member of the Baptist Church, La Fayette Lodge #19, A.F. & A.M., and of the Order of the Eastern Star.

He was one of the charter members of the Good Templars' lodge that became the nucleus of Palestine Primitive Methodist Church.

"The Conservator".

5th August, 1915.

EDWIN W. GRAFTON

Edwin W. Grafton, seventy-one years old, resident of Washington for more than twenty-five years and closely identified with the business interests of the city for that time, died last night at his residence, 1802 First Street Northwest. Mr. Grafton had been in ill health for several years. The immediate cause of death was Bright's Disease.

Funeral services are to be held at the home tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. F. A. Anderson of Calvary Baptist Church is to officiate, and the pallbearers are to be members of the Vaughan class of the church. Interment is to be in Rock Creek cemetery.

Mr. Grafton was born near Toronto, Canada, in 1844. At the age of twenty-five he went to Chicago and engaged in business there, being in the western city at the time of the great fire.

Mr. Grafton was a member of La Fayette Lodge, No. 19, F. A. A. M., and of the Order of the Eastern Star. He had been an active member of the Vaughan class for many years.

He leaves his wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Campbell.

(Sister of A. F. Campbell, founder of The Conservator)

The above which is taken from a Washington paper, is of interest to many readers of the Conservator. Mr. Grafton is a brother of Royal Grafton, so well known in Toronto Township. Mrs. Grafton is a sister of A. F. Campbell, formerly editor of the Conservator.

Royal Snafton
(son of Thomas).

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Toronto E.

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con. 2 lot 11

20 Apr. 1866 100 ac. E $\frac{1}{2}$, acquired by

ROYAL GRAFTON

b. 1838, d. 1916. buried Prospect Cem.
Toronto.

s. of Thomas Grafton, above,

m. 1876 Agnes Mary, dau. of David Patterson
and Agnes Gregg, Oakville., b 1848
d. 1918. buried Prospect Cem. Toronto.

Children:

Vida A. m. Wm. King, Toronto

Grace m. Arthur Hook, Toronto

Amanda m. James Mc Bride, Toronto

Rev. Fred. J. see below ~~why?~~

Edgar see Toronto E con 2, lot 10.

also owned: Toronto E.

con 2, lot 12. pt. 1891 undivided

lot 13. NE $\frac{1}{2}$ 1897

lot 15 W $\frac{1}{2}$ 1897

He was one of the principal figures in the formation of Palestine Primitive Methodist Church about 1865 and occupied the post of Society Steward. Later he was S.S. Superintendent of the Brampton Circuit.

In 1869 he was commissioned Capt. of the Derry West Company of the 36th Regt Bⁿ.

From farming he turned his attention to bridge building, ^{in partnership with Price} and invented an Undertruss Suspension Bridge which he patented in ¹⁸⁸⁹ ~~1887~~. In 1897 there were about 20 of these bridges in the county, and in 1910 he had built over 100 of them in Ontario and Manitoba. One of his early bridges on the Centre Road was put to a severe test in 1891, when 28 tons of cattle ran onto it at once, and withstood the strain easily. In 1911 he retired from business and moved to Toronto.

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Rev. Fred T. Grafton

22 June, 1932.

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Captain

Royal Grafton was Captain of the Derry West Co. of the Peel Battalion, and Edgar Grafton is has his commission.

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Royal Grafton was also

Royal Grafton was ensign, and-at the same time, about 1863, and Ed Rev. Fred T. Grafton has his appointment.

Also buttons from the uniform.

And a picture of him in uniform.

He was the last surviving officer of the Raid, as far as Peel was concerned.

He was stationed at Port Dalhousie at that time.

Royal Grafton's father Thomas Grafton, and His Grandfather Stewart Grafton (?) were both with Brock in 1812.

They came from Virginia, crossed on a ferry in May 1812 and came to Toronto.

He was the first white man to go through Peel County.

He went ahead of the surveying party.

The first road surveyed was the road from Port Credit

through to Georgian Bay.

Peel County led off, East and West of Hurontario Street.

It was called the "Street/ Road."

But in report the "t" was not crossed, and for a long time it was known as "Sheet Road".

Later changed to "Hurontario Street."

Re STREETSVILLE

Timothy Street came in and got the dam at Streetsville, and it was named after him.

Re BROCK

My Grandfather and Great Grandfather joined up in 1812 at Queenston Heights.

Brock offered them land, a little north,^{up} of Yonge Street, which they ~~ref~~ refused, because the land was not good for farming.

The land they refused was the corner of Queen & Yonge Sts.

From there he went out to survey.

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~~My great-grand~~

Daniel Hopkins is my great grandfather.

Crumby, the caretaker of the high school help build the Palestine Church.

Mr. Royal Grafton and Mr. Crumby collected subscriptions to build an ~~Orange Hall~~ ^{CHURCH} at Palestine.

They did not have enough to build the Hall so they went and asked everyone to double their subscriptions.

When they received the doubled subscriptions, they built the church.

*Temperance
Soc. they
have
the*

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the church.

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We were married three years ago in Palestine. Church.

The Temperance Society felt - they
(the neighborhood) should have a church.

Royal Grafton & Mr. Combie collected
Subscriptions. Finding the results disappointing
they doubled their own subscriptions and
started out again & were successful.

Rev. F.T. Grafton says that to the best of
his knowledge his father never was an
organizer.

"The Conservator."

January 7th, 1916.

Obituary.

Royal Grafton

Brampton.

The deceased was born at Mount Charles and spent 73 years of his life on the farm which is now occupied by his son. Five years ago he retired and has since resided in Toronto. The property now occupied by his son was given to Mr. Grafton's father for work done in connection with the new survey of Toronto Twp. and the first 17 lots in the Twp. of Chinguacousy. Of Mr. Grafton's family, one brother Stewart of Calgary, and one sister, Mrs. ^{Cummins} Cummings of Washington, survive. He also leaves his widow, two sons, and three daughters. The sons are: Fred of Barrie and Edgar on the homestead. The daughters are: Mrs. McBride of Toronto and the Misses Grafton unmarried. At the time of his death he was within 8 days of being 78 years of age. He was an active and successful man of business and widely known throughout Ontario and the West. He was a Fenian Raid veteran, being captain of Derrywest Company of the 36th Battalion at that time. He was a member of the Methodist Church and took an active interest in the welfare of his fellowmen.

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Ask Talsbury list of loans -

Col J. J. Grafton had only
one son,

dh. S. McCollum

in Thoms -

The Conservator, Oct. 26, 1916.

Weddings

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KING-GRAFTON

On Wednesday evening, October 18, a quiet wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Royal Grafton, 88 Hallam Street, Toronto, when her eldest daughter, Vida A., was united in matrimony to Mr. William W. Kine, by Rev. I. B. Willwin.

Mrs. Grafton. (The Dead)

After an illness of several months, Mrs. Grafton, widow of the late Royal Grafton, passed away on Tuesday at her home in Toronto. Born at Oakville 70 years ago, Mrs. Grafton, after her marriage, took up her residence at Mt. Charles, where she lived until seven years ago. The family consists of two sons and three daughters. The sons are Fred of Barrie and Edgar of Mount Charles, and the daughters, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. King and Miss Grace, all of Toronto. Mrs. Grafton was a kind, motherly, Christian woman, and had many warm friends. The funeral took place to-day to Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.

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The Peel Banner

January 6, 1876

MARRIED

GRAFTON - PATTERSON

On the 29th Dec. by the Rev. W. Meikle at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Royal Grafton, of Toronto Township, to Miss Aggie, eldest daughter of David Patterson, Esq., Oakville.

Ref. No. 85 A. A.

Grant to Royal Grafton, Twp. Toronto,
a Fenian Raid Vet.

N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$, lot 5, Con. 4, Twp. Brethour, Dist.
Nipissing, 160 ac.

Loc. 28 Aug. 1903.

Pat. 14 Sept. 1906.

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Statement by the Rev. Fred T. Grafton.

"Royal Grafton was Captain to the Derry West company of the Peel Battalion, and Edgar Grafton has his commission."

"Royal Grafton, was stationed at Port Dalhousie, during the Fenian raid." "The buttons from his uniform, his commission as Ensign, and a picture of Royal Grafton in uniform are in the possession of the Rev. Fred T. Grafton."

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DEATHS

GRAFTON : On Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1916, at
his late residence, 88 Hallam street, Toronto,
Royal Grafton, late of Peel County, in his
78th year.

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Grafton

THOMAS GRAFTON.

Extract from the Evening Telegram, Toronto,
April 22nd, 1929.

ROYAL GRAFTON second male member of the Grafton family to occupy the old Grafton homestead built a century ago, was a captain in the 36th Battalion at the time of the Fenian Raid, returning to his home on the death of his father, Thomas Grafton, who died in 1866.

(This is written under a picture that appears in the Evening Telegram.)

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Royal Grafton's Diary, 1866.

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April 25 ~~Royal went to Brampton fair at that place.~~

Went to Derry West. verry (very) cold and windy weather. Drilled in the evening, but 'twas a queer drill.

" 28 Sowed barley & clover in the morning, then went to the city on the cars. returned to Brampton in the evening, thense (thence) to Derry West and attended Drill there. To Cummings, and came home with Maggie and Mainty in the buggie buggy. Very windy night.

May 1 Prepared the ground for and sowed part of the spring wheat, attended parade in the evening at Derry West.

" 8 Finished sowing the 3 acres of barley (barley) against the bush, also sowed it with clover & timothy and rolled the field of flax and barley. Attended Vol. parade in the evening, had a nice rain at night.

" 12 Finished sowing clover and timothy seed in all about 7 bus. Eddy rolled 3 acres. Jim drawing manure. sowed some barley and oats for Gage, for ploughed/potatoes and tares in the-

In the P. M. attended drill, had a good rain at

-2- Fenian raids, Royal Grafton's Diary. cont'd.

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May 12 cont'd.

night, done (did) seeding all but Peas.

" 19 Went to Brampton and attended Drill in the evening.

" 31 Attended Court of Revision (?) with Joseph Armstrong.

June 1 Took two colts to Cumming's to pasture and 3 steers to Trafalgar.

On returning learned that the Fenians had invaded Canada and the Vol. were called out.

" 2 Left home at 5 A.M. and joined the Vol. Co., at Derry West, went to Brampton, thence to Toronto by train left Toronto at midnight on our way to the frontier to shoot Fenians,. Immense excitement in Toronto.

" 3 Arrived at Mt. Clifton at 6 A.M. left the train for breakfast with orders to repa..... (F) (undeapherale) and go on to the Battle field. At 7 received a telegram from Col. Lowry to remain at the Bridge. The Fenians had run, seemed like a week day, only 4 times as long.

" 4 This night our Co. was on Guard duty, I had charge of the sentry at the Bridge. At midnight the force

-3- Fenian Raids, Royal Grafton's Diary, cont'd.

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June 4 cont'd.

was roused from slumber, a raid being expected, but no Fenians came, and the Vol. after being 5 hours under arms were dismissed. We were on duty till morning.

" 7 On Thursday the 7th we left Clifton for St. Catharines here we found 25 wounded Vol. and two wounded Fenians prisoners, the day previous we attended the Funeral of Pvt. Mewburn at Stamford, who fell in the engagement at Lime Ridge.

" 10 Still at St. Catharines attended the Methodist Church morning and evening.
St. Catharines is a lovely town.

" 11 Sgt. Mathewson died in hospital, was escorted by the Vol. to the station. His Father/s, sister and intended were present when he died.

" 12 Left St. Catharines this evening for Fort Dalhousie where we arrived about dark.

" 15 I was on the roads, Jim was ploughing untill (until) tea time, after which we moved the slabs, weighed the wool and got Lows Baldock & waggon for to go for rails. Tom Reed and Shellied Sheared the sheep was done 5 P.M.

" 16 Tom Reed and I went to Hornby today and brought 160 rails

June 16 cont'd.

there was a house on fire when we were coming through
Hornby. Jim arranged the sheep, finished ~~plea~~
sprouting the potatoes, then fixed the fence(?)
at the bush.

" 17

The Co. attended the English Church and the Rev. Mr. Dixon
preached a very patriotic sermon, and concluded singing the
national anthem.

" 18

We enjoyed ourselves at the Port very much with fishing,
bathing, boating, & c.

" 19

We attended a meeting of the I. O. G. T. (?) in this
place and were well received.

" 23

Our Co. was inspected by $\frac{1}{2}$ Col. Lowry, who was
well pleased at our appearance.

" 24

Co. attended Church at Port Dalhousie.

In the afternoon had a ramble in the bush with Sgt.

Bill after which we went down to thepath (1)

and had a swim.

" 26 Visited the G. T. again, spent a pleasant evening and

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June 26 cont'd.

then left for home about midnight on board a vessel
(vessel) bound for Toronto, remained on deck all
night and was quite a salor (sailor) before morning.
Delegation from Streetsville .

" 27 The sailors roed (rowed) me a shore at the Union
Station in time for the morning train, arrived home at
9.30, and found Pap. here, low the rest all well,
and the crops looking well. William down from
Blouchand (?)

" 30 Father died about 7 O'clock in the evening.

July 2 Father was burried at Gardner's ~~Chap~~ Chapple in
the afternoon. Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Clements,
Text "What thy hand findeth d to do, do it with
thy might."

" 3

Went to Brampton then to Trafalgar with Sis. rained
all at night, and had to stop till morning.

" 4 Returned from Trafalgar went to Armstrong's in the
evening.

" 5 Went to Toronto with Mr. Armstrong and Charlie and took
the Boat for Niagra (Niagara) stage to St. Catharines,
and train to Port Dalhousie, arrived about 10'clock,

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July 5 cont'd.

received orders to march to St. Catharines next morning.

" 6 Came back to St. Catharines, Norval and Stewart Town.
Co. left for home this morning. St. Catharines Vol.
arrived home this evening and received a
reception.

" 7 Paraded with McDonald's Copy. and had some Battallion
drill

" 8 Attended Methodist church in the m. and went to
"Nigger meeting" in the evening which was very
amusing.

Nov. 19

Dec. 3.	Cash on sh for shirt	\$2.10
	Costs suing Dawsol	1.40
	School tax	11.29
	New Horse shoe	.35
	Drawers & gloves	1.50
	Dr. Pattullo	7.50
	sundries.	
	Tickets to Ingersoll	
	Expenses to West.	9.80 (cont'd)

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Nov 19 cont'd.

Expenses to West	\$9.80
Maggie's Coat	6.00
Godsby Main (?)	2.75
Steve Smith	.85
Jackson	1.00
John Wedgewood	3.00
.....at Meadowvale	5.30
expesnes to city on 21st	.70
.....still yards (?)	.20
..... Canada Farmer	.30

Nov. 23. Paid, 1866.

Oct. 12 shorst, 1540 lb.	3.00
" 13 Capt. Grafton, blacksmith	8.47
" 25 Maggie	.50
" 26 Maggie	.4.50
" 26 Bright for church &c.	1.50
" 26 Taxes	12.58
" 26 Hat for Dan.	.75
Nov. 15 Sundries in Brampton	.25
" 15 Expenses at Streetsville	1.50
" 20 Coal oil &c.	.78
towels	
" 23 Linen towles &c.	.60
" 23 Hat for Maggie	1.25

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Nov. 30 September. \$.~~2~~⁴

Sept. 29. Tea, 1 \times lb. .85

half bushel
measure .60

barrel salt 1.75

onions $\frac{1}{2}$ bus. .50

Expenses 3
times to Port .55

Pearing machine
1.00

Candlewick .12 $\frac{1}{2}$

Dec. 3. Oct. 12. Volunteer money \$.~~4~~⁴
(volunteer) 12.50

" 26 2 lamb's skins 1.60

Nov. 10 Vol. service 67.00

re Memoranda at back of Diary.

April 4th brought ~~from~~ four sheep at Cheyne's sale
price \$20.50 ϕ at seven months' credit.

May- June 28. ...and old sow had 16 pigs.

Do. young sow. Sept 20.

June, Bills Payable. Carding \$1.15

weaving 9 yds.
@ .10 ϕ .90

60 lb. pork @ 8 ϕ 4.80

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DIARY OF ROYAL GRAFTON, 1866.

January 5

Produce of 1865.	\$.
4 Flax 5300	37.00
35 Barley 680 bus.	500.00
20 Spring wheat 53 bus.	65.00
brls.	
Flour 2½ (bbls)	14.00
20 Oats, 75 bus.	50.00
Hungarian 30 bus.	25.00
— Beef 2 qrs. & hide	22.00
30 Pork 1700	124.00
<u>23 Mutton & 10 sheep</u>	<u>55.00</u>
182	\$872.00

January 28

Receipt (recipe) for destroying curn (currant ?) bush caterpillars.

To a gallon of soft-water put a table-spoonful of white Hellebore (?) (in powder) apply with syringe or watering pot — The powder is 30¢ per ½ lb.

February 10

Got home from Priceville with seed wheat, oats and barley.

" 12

... (?)

Toronto 21 Dec. 1866,

(cont'd)

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Royal Grafton's Dairy. 1866

Feb. 12 cont'd.

Mr. Edward Britton Dr.

To Royal Grafton

To 2 sheepskins \$1 ea. 2.00

X 1 Umberalla(?) .75.
(umbrella)

Basket .50

\$ 3.25

February 26

Meeting of farmer's (farmers') club in Brampton
subjects-Plaster and grass seed.

March 2

Tuesday 12 Feb. 1867

Brawing sandust with 3 teems (teams)

Stewart and William building Ice-House

Wednesday 13 Feb.

Stewart & William Cuning (?) working at Ice-House

Joseph Switzer drawing 1 load of saw-dust.

" 9

Derry West Vol. Co. (2)

Went to Toronto.

" 231

Returned from de-

tive Volunteer (volunteer) service in Toronto.

April 18

Commenced work at noon. commenced to sow oats in

Milit

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April 18 cont'd.

the afternoon.

Mrs. Degeir lectured in the evening in the school house.

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" 19

Sowed oats.

Maggie went to Streetsville with Mrs. Degeir. I went to Brampton in the afternoon. Went to the Temple in the evening.

" 23

Sowed six ridges of Barly (barley)

Weather verry (very) cold and windy.

" 24

Sowed Barly (barley) in the forenoon.

Lawyer Scott was down in the afternoon.

Sowed fetches (?) and some timothy.

Rained in the evening.

" 26

Sowed ten acres of barley (barley) Billy Davis & Jim Knox harrowed it in, cold day, went to the 3rd Line in the evening, then came home and went to the Temple, was very tired and went to bed.

" 30

Went to Streetsville, settled some business for Stewart, and paid a visit to the Streetsville linen manufactory.

May 2

Drawing manure and ploughing for spring wheat.

Joseph Switzer and Lizzie Armstrong came over and Mantle

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May 2 cont'd.

went back with him.

Windy dry weather. very cold night.

- " 3 Finished sowing spring wheat, and colover (clover)
on the same and commenced preparing ground for flax.

Windy weather.

- " 4 Rolling spg. wheat and preparing ground for Flax.

Windy weather.

- " 5 Sowed flax and harrowed it in and finished rolling spg.
wheat.

Windy & dry weather, very tired to-night.

Got in 42 acres of spring crop. Oats and some barley (barley)
are "up".

- " 7 Cultivated, manured and prepared 3 acres for barley.

Sowed part of it, and harrowed it in.

- " 9 Drawed (drew) some manure for the last 3 acres of barley at
the sideroad, went to shop with Sheare in the A.M.

ploughed in the P.M. Jim shoveled (shovelled) dreans (?)

Set Bill Datis to pick potatoes but he skedadled (skedadled)
home.

- " 11

Went to Meadowvale in the A. M. set two tires at Derry.

Bill Wilson died this morning.

Brought home 7 bus. peas. Ploughed manure on pea ground

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May 11 cont'd.

rolled, sowed clover in the evening.

" 13 Went to the 3rd Line and called and had tea at old Mrs. Stewart's.

" 15 Ploughing for Peas.
Plant (planted) some early potatoes.
~~Plen~~ Sowed some Peas.

" 20 Wrote a ~~lit~~ letter to Dr. Stewart and one to Stewart Grafton.

" 23 Ploughing(?) for peas, and sowing peas.

" 24 Went to Grahamsville

" 25 A. M. ploughing and sowing Peas.
P.M. Trimming apple trees. Price was at Palestine.

" 26 A. M. Trimming apple trees.
P. M. Washed the sheep. Went to Trafalgar.

" 28 Came home from Trafalgar.

" 29 Moving a fence at the ~~pst~~ pasture let field--wne to Wedge-

Royal Grafton's Diary cont'd.

May 29 cont'd.

wood's for $\frac{1}{2}$ ton hay.

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July 2

Father was burried at Gardner's Chapple in the afternoon. ~~su~~ sermon by the Rev. Mr. Clements, text, "What thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" &c.

" 11

Left St. Catharines for home at 7.28 A.M.

Arrived at Brampton in the P. M. and was treated to a Lunch by John Coyne Esqr. and to a dinner by Capt. Stork and Lieut. Col. Scott.

" 12

Went to Streetsville with Joseph Switzer and to the Temple in the Evening.

" 17

Aunt Snyder went home.

Sutherland's girls came out. storm of hail, rain and wind which flattened down the grain.

" 20

Brought a load of lumber from Hutton's to cover the $\frac{1}{2}$ Lentil.

" 22

Left Mary Barber and Annie up at Crawford's Took Maggie Cunnings (Cummings ?) home and took the Red we cow to the bull.

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Mr. Clements

Sept. 8

\$30.00

Received of Mr. Grafton the sum of Thirty Dollars for

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Royal Grafton's Dairy cont'd. 1866.

July

Sept. 8 cont'd.

~~his late Father.~~

Headstone for his late Father.

Joseph Gibson

Nov. 2 / 1866

Nov. 15 Church Subscription \$1.00
Mending halters .62
Postage .07
Law costs 8.80
Expenses (Streetsville) .50
Paid for Flax seed 5.22
Paid Dan 11.50
Buffaloe (Buffalo) robe & whip 15.25
Amanda 10.00
Box f collars .38
Expenses to City Jan. 11 .775
Jim Duncan .50
Do. Duncan (?) 1.00
Expesnes to Streetsville .45
George Galloway 8.00
T. Whitehead 4.00
B. W. Chinich 2.75
Expenses .10
J. Robinson 5.00
Summonses (Summons) 1.30

Dec. 25. I bought 500 rails f of Pat Simmons for \$8.00. Not paid

Cemetery

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Dec. 25 1866 cont'd.
& 26.

for yet. I agreed to meet him at the place
Lot No. 5 on the 7th Line Esquensing next Thursday
at 1 o'clock. I intended bringing one load
home then make a bee to ^{aid} bring the rest home.
They are required to ~~and~~ in fencing the clover
off for pasture.

" 27 I bought 12 bus. spring wheat of Geo. Rutledge
at \$1.10 per bus. & paid him \$10.00 on it.

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Diary of Royal Grafton, 1876

The Beautiful Snow

Oh the snow the beautiful snow

Filling the sky and the earth below

Over the housetops over the street

Over the heads of the people you meet

Dancing flirting skimming along

Beautiful snow it can do nothing wrong

Flying to kiss a fair lady's cheek

Clinging to lips in its frolicsome freak

Beautiful snow from the heavens above

Pure as Angel Gentle as love

Oh the snow, the beautiful snow

How the flakes gather, and laugh as they go

Whirling about in their maddening fun

It plays in its glee with every one

Chasing laughing hurrying by

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Its lights on the face and sparkles the eye

And the dogs with a bark and a bound

Sweep at the crystals ~~that~~ edd~~y~~ around

The town is alive and its heart is aglow

To welcome the coming of Beautiful snow

How wildly the crowd goes swaying along

Hailing each other with humour and song

How the gay sledges like meteors flash by

Bright for a moment then lost to the eye

Ringling swinging dancing they go

Over the crust of the beautiful snow

Snow so pure when it falls from the sky

As to make one regret to see it lie

To be trampled and tracked by the thousands

of feet

Till it blends with the filth in the horrible street

Once I was pure as the snow but I fell
Fell like snow flakes from heaven to hill
Fell to be trampled as filth in the street
Fell to be scoffed to be spit on and beat
Pleading cursing dreading to die
Selling my soul to whoever would buy
Dealing in shame for a morsel of bread
Hating the living and fearing the dead
Merciful God have I fallen so low
And yet I was once like the beautiful snow.

Once I was fair as the beautiful snow
With an eye like its crystal a heart like its glow
Once I was loved for my innocent grace
Flattered and sought for the charms of my face
Father, Mother, Sister and all
God and myself I have lost by the fall

The merriest wretch that goes shivering by
Will make a wide swoop lest I wander too nigh
For all that is on or above me I know
There is nothing so pure as the beautiful snow.

How strange it should be that this beautiful
snow

Should fall on a sinner with no where to go
How strange it should be when night comes again
If the snow and the ice struck my desperate brain
Fainting freezing dying alone
Too wicked for prayer too weak in a moan
To be heard on the streets of the crazy town
Gone mad in the joy of the snow coming down
To be and to die in my terrible woe
With a bed and a shroud in the beautiful snow

Helpless and foul as the trampled snow
Sinner despair not, Christ stoppeth low
To us we the soul that is lost in its sin
And raise it to life and enjoyment again
Groaning bleeding dying for thee
The Crucified hung on the accursed tree
His accents of mercy fell soft on thine ear
Is there mercy for me will he heed my prayer
Oh God in the stream that for sinners did flow
Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

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Diary of Royal Grafton, 1876.

At a meeting of the Trustees held in the School House Feb. 12th 1874 present Jackson Wedgewood and Grafton it was agreed that Mr. Owens be employed to sweep the school once each day that school be taught and she be paid eight cents for each sweeping also that she be allowed seventy-five cents for scrubbing the school once each quarter.

It was also agreed that Wedgewood and Grafton make arrangements and procure lumber and get the school repaired inside and also to get the school yard and fence put in proper repair.

R. Grafton Secretary

Trustee

Sep. 18, 1874

At a meeting of the Trustees held in Mr. Grafton's

Residence the Trustees all present the meeting

being held in reference to considering the

resignation of the present teacher Mr. Mc Phail.

It was moved by Mr. Grafton, Sec. by Mr. Wedgewood

that where as 3 applications have been made by

Teachers for the filling of the remainder of Mr.

Mc Phail's time that therefore Mr. Mc Phail's

resignation be accepted to take place on the

20th Oct. or sooner if a suitable teacher be present

to take his place.

Carried

Moved by Mr. Grafton Sec. by Mr. wedgewood that

the application of Raymond Bryer of Montreal be

accepted and in case he should fail to come or

should fail to procure his required intermediate

certificate that their the application of Geo.

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E. Phenix(Sic) be accepted.

Carried

and meeting adjourned

R. Grafton

sec Trustee

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Diary of Royal Grafton, 1876.

March	Spotted Cow Calved
May 1	Big Cow Calved
" 8	Jess Mare Calved
" 14	Black sow piged
" 25	Daisy foaled
" 19	Jess to the horse(time of day)
June 7	Daisy to horse(conqueror)
" 6	Young cow to Moor's Bull
July 3	Old cow to Moor's bull
Aug 14	Finished harvest except raikens
Sep 16	Raised our Potatoes
Sep 18	Sowed wheat
Sep 28	commenced fall ploughing(good order)
Oct. 10	Spotted or young cow to Stewart's bull

Diary of Royal Grafton, 1876.

Palestine Church ~~ex~~ expenses

Balance to Mrs. Owens for taking care of Church

for 71 & 72 \$1.50

3 gall. coal oil at 45 ¢ \$1.35

1 Doz. lamp wicks 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ .12 $\frac{1}{2}$

2 Chimneys .25

4 lights glass 10X16 .36

4 Lights Dv 12X14 .36

Putty .10

1 Lamp Chimney .10

10 Light Glass 1.00

3 lbs. putty .15

1 Gall. oil .40

Cash to Mr. Herridge 3.00

Bunch Lamp Wicks .17

Checked by
J.W.

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1 gall. Oil

.40\$9.26Less \$3.00

\$6.26

3 gall. Oil

\$1.00

March 30 Cash from Mr. Jolliff

\$3.00

*checked by
J. W.*

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Diary of Royal Grafton

Memorandum of S.S. Lib. Books bought by Walter

Baldock at the P.M. Book room on the 4th June 1880

NO.	TITAL	PRICE
200	The Dying Savior and the Gipsy girl	1.10
201	Gallery of Notable men and Women	.60
202	The German Drummer Boy	.60
203	Helen Maurice of the Daughter at home	.60
204	Frank Layton A tale of Australian life	.60
205	Historical tales for young Protestants	.60
206	Dr. Kane the Arctic Hero. Pictorial Library of Travel and adventure	.60
207	Down in a ^M mine or ^B buried ^A alive	.45

checked by
G.W.

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NO.	TITAL	PRICE
208	Anna Ross, The Orphan of Waterloo	.45
209	Gypsy's Sowing and Reaping	.45
210	Christian Conquests	.45
211	Bible Blessings	.45
212	Lilian a tale of ³ 200 years ago	.45
213	Catherine Howard on trials & triumphs	.45
214	Gypsy's Cousin Joy	.45

checked by
J. W.

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Mrs. Brown -

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RE GRAFTON SUMMARY

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Changes in summary from information received
from Rev. F.T.Grafton-

On page 7 of the summary, the paragraph at the bottom of the page, according to Rev. Mr. Grafton, Royal Grafton and Mr. Crumbie collected subscriptions, not for an Orange Hall but for a church because the Temperance Society felt there should be one in the neighbourhood. Finding the results disappointing, they doubled their own subscriptions and started out again to collect, and this time were successful. So Palestine Church was built.

Rev. Mr. Grafton says also that to the best of his knowledge, his father, Royal Grafton, was never an Orangeman.

On page 10 of the summary, at the bottom of the page, last line, Change "Cole" to "Col." and add "J.J. Grafton". Add also "Col. J.J.Grafton's son married ----Butchart, and lives at Owen Sound; Col. J.J. Grafton's daughter married Dr. McCollum, Toronto".

Freddie Grafton, a school boy, aged 12 years, son of
Royal Grafton, Toronto Township, won The Montreal Witness
Prize—Macaulay's history of England—for the best story of pioneer

Conservator HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

Mr. Fred T. Grafton, sone of Mr. Royal Grafton, of
Mt. Charles, Toronto Township, only twelve years of age, deserves
special mention for honours won by him lately. In January
last the Montreal Witness offered to the school children of
Canada as a prize "Macaulay's History of England". in
five volumes, strongly and neatly bound in cloth, for the best
true/ story of adventure, or tale descriptive of pioneer life the

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life in the County of Peel. The story contains about two
thousand words and is original.

-5- Rev Grafton's scrap book.

scene of which is laid in the county or city in which the narrator resides. Freddie Grafton is one of the successful competitors, and received his prize the other day, of copy of which was shown us. The youthful winner has the privilege of being, and is, a competitor for the "Witness Provincial Prize," a complete set of Parkman's works, ten volumes, in all worth \$15. The winner of the last named prize will be eligible to compete his manuscript the third time for a Remington No. 2 Typewriter, valued at \$125. We have authority for stating that the Marquis of Lorne has consented to act as judge in this last competition. The same narration winning "Macaulay's History of England," is used in competition for the "Witness Provincial Prize", and, if successful in that competition, may be put in competition for the typewriter. We hope Freddie Grafton will have further success, for he deserves it. We might just say that the grand-parents of the hero of this subject were among the early pioneers of this section, and to them Master Grafton is indebted for his information re. the thrilling and interesting events of early pioneer life. The conditions of the contest allowed information of this character to be given the contestants.

SHORT STORY

In this issue, page 8, there is a short story

by Fred Grafton of Toronto Township, called "The Pinta."

It was awarded first prize for the County of Peel in

a contest conducted by the Montreal Witness, Canada

Competition.

Mr. Grafton is the son of Mr. Royal Grafton of

Mount Charles.

Fred Grafton
2 copies

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F. T. GRAFTON

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F. T. Grafton of Barrie, District Manager in Northern Ontario for the Manufacturers and Temperance and General Life Assurance Company is, as ex-Manager H. Sutherland used to put it "a born insurance man." Mr. Grafton was born and raised on the "old homestead" at Palestine, Peel County, chosen and settled upon by his grandfather after his survey in 1819-20. After a course at Brampton High School Mr. Grafton spent two or three years teaching. It was while thus engaged in Wentworth County that the Temperance and General Life was brought to his notice and in 1897

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17. $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$ or 25% of the population.

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The "Levee Land" is not up on a high ground of elevation.

Personals

MR. FRED GRAFTON

of Barrie, who has been visiting his brother at Mt. Charles, was in town on Wednesday. He was one of the representatives of the Manufacturers' Life Assurance Company and was the first of his company to write \$100,000 new business this year, for which he is entitled to substantial recognition.

Rev. Grafton's scrap book.

the point, we will estimate that Calgary may double her population in five year's time. This would give her 120,000 in 1917, a fairly generous estimate. In other words, five years from now Calgary will have a population of less than one-third of what Toronto now has.

....They may be demi-gods for all we care; nevertheless they come from a country where 10¢ a day is good pay. Naturally when they get here (British Columbia) they are willing to work at half the current white man's wages for the simple reason that \$15. \$1.50 or \$1.75 per day is untold riches to a man who can live on rice at a cost of 2 or 3 cents a day and is content to herd in dens not fit for swine.

GRAFTON

THE LEWIS CASE . May 10/9....(?)

One of the liveliest scenes witnessed in the court house for some time was enacted on Saturday last. It arose out of the disposal of the charges against John Lewis who was arrested through the efforts of Mr. Royal Grafton for the theft of a quantity of grain and certain articles from Messrs. Grafton, Wilson and Black. When the arrest was made at Unionville, Mr. Grafton telegraphed Mr. Geo. Graham that he would arrive at Brampton on the evening train with the prisoner and asked him to be ready to adjudicate. The formal information was laid by High Court Constable Hurst. The prisoner was brought

Harm pulling

Can't use in Justice
try under

Aggie

(?)

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before the magistrates at his residence and remanded until Saturday. In the interval between Thursday night and Saturday afternoon strong representations were made by friends on behalf of the prisoner. His previous good character and present position were pleaded and it was agreed by the magistrate that he should only be proceeded against on one charge. When the case was called on Saturday, County Crown Attorney McFadden insisted upon two separate charges. This roused the ire of the presiding magistrate. He charged the crown attorney with entering the two charges simply to secure the additional \$10 or \$15 in fees. Mr. McFadden resented the mild impeachment in language more forcible than is usually exchanged between members of the bar and the bench.

Mr. Graham declared that all the crown attorney or any other lawyer was particular about was their proportion of the fees, and he was not going to allow the people ^{to suffer} longer under such imposition. Finally Mr. McFadden carried the point and the prisoner was committed for trial.

When he appeared before Judge McGibbon Tuesday there were not only two but three indictments, one for each charge. This, we learn, is the usual procedure, and if such is the case, it is not the crown attorney, but the system which is at fault. After hearing the case and administering a warning to Judge ~~McCib~~ McGibbon allowed the prisoner go ^{to} on suspended sentence.

Meanwhile those that were present at the fracas have hard work reconciling Mr. Graham's charge against the crown attorney with his ~~of~~ evidence before the fee com-

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commission.

Globe, 1894.

FARM HOUSE PLUNDERING.

Judge McGibbon had rather a peculiar case before him at Brampton on Tuesday J. Lewis, the young farmer of Markham who broke into the barns of his late employer in Toronto Township and took a load of seed oats, and who was tracked right across York County and finally arrested through the efforts of Mr. R. Grafton, one of the sufferers through his action, was brought up for trial. He pleaded guilty, but, through the intercession of his young wife and Mr. Grafton, was allowed to go on suspended sentence. The stealing of stuff from farm outhouses has been very common of late in the district and the recent proceedings have had a marked effect in discouraging the practice.

From Family Record 25925

David Patterson Sr. from Co antrim - Ireland
 born 8 - Feby 1808 - died 15 June 1877
 cause of death 1830

Agnes Gregg, b. in Dundas. Ont 16 Sep. 1817
 married Octville 1 June 1834 -
 died 15 June 1884 -

Margaret Jane - born 1837 - died Nov 22 1839

George Millman - died Sep 18 1837 - 1839

David - died Oct 19 1839

James Chambers - died Sep 27 1843

Robert Balmer - died Feb 8 1846

Agnes Mary (Grafton) - died Oct 27 1848

Samuel Peter - died Sep 3 1851

Cyrus John - died Oct 5 1853

Matilda Jane - died Aug 12 1854

Matilda Jane - died Jan 1 1856

was Silas Hughes.

Agnes Patterson N.Y. died May 17 - 1907

Geo W " " died June 4 - 1907

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Toronto E. con 2 lot 10

1 Sept 1922 . 49 $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. of the N $\frac{1}{4}$ bought for
\$2800 by

EDGAR GRAFTON -

b. 1880

s. of Royal Grafton, Toronto E con 2, lot 11.

m. dtr. of Wm. A. Russell Toronto E. con 2 lot 5.

Trustee of Palestine United Church.

Began breeding Yorkshire swine about 1910.

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February 11th, 1933.

Mr. Edgar Grafton,
RR#5,
Brampton, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

I am getting together a history of Peel County and naturally I am very much interested in pork production in the county.

I wonder if you could find it convenient to spare a moment to fill out the Questionnaire below and return to me in a day or two.

Anything you can do to help me out in this matter will be greatly appreciated and will, I think, be of use to the swine breeders in the County.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am,

Yours very truly,

W. P. B.

Wm. Perkins Bull.

WPB.MHM.

Questionnaire.

- (1) How long have you been breeding Yorkshires? 30 years
- (2) What is the size of your herd? 50 head
- (3) Do you know anything of the early history of the breed in Peel County? No
- (4) Who were the first breeders of Yorkshires in the County?

— J. Wilkinson Brampton 5
K. Featherstone, Streatorville
— William Lewis Matton P.O.

Brampton copy
Statement of ^{Edd 8r} ~~Royal~~ Grafton, Monday, June , 1932.
5, Brampton,

"I was born on the east half, lot 11, 2nd Con. Toronto Township. 4th November 1880.

On the same farm where my father, Royal Grafton was born.

I inherited the homestead.

My father was married to

My father, Royal Grafton, was buried in Prospect Cemetery. My mother was also buried there.

My mother was Agnes Patterson, from Oakville, daughter of a U. E. L. (Halton)

They had five children:

eldest brother is Rev. F. T. Grafton (?), of Toronto.

also ~~five~~ three married sisters living in Toronto.

One of Royal Grafton's sisters (?) married Joseph Armstrong.

He was on the second last line, lot 14, 3rd Con.

He was also on the east half, and the Orange Lodge building was on his farm. # 5. ~~He built the Orange Hall and gave it to the Lodge.~~

Cheery (?) Armstrong, father of Joe Armstrong, built

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-2- Statement of ~~Royal~~ Grafton cont'd.

the Orange Hall.

Mrs. Joseph Switzer, of Meadowvale is a Grafton. *Testimony Grafton*

Thomas Grafton, eldest brother of my father, married the widow of Joseph Armstrong, who kept hotel at Derry West.

Lorne Davidson is connected with the Armstrongs.

Thomas Grafton, a U. E. L., grandfather, was the first one to come here.

He came with his father and settled up Yonge Street, went to Peel in 1819, but started to survey in 1818.

He married in 1823, Hulda Hopkins, daughter of U. E. L. He lived at that time up the 5th line.

There is an old cemetery up there now.

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GRAFTON PATENT BRIDGE

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It was a suspension bridge, built after the plan of the big suspension bridge at Niagara Falls.

In place of anchoring the cables, he put timber across and anchored them as a swing suspension bridge.

One of the first was built on the Centre Road.

One at the end of the town, and a third at Mount

-5- Statement of Edgar Grafton, cont'd.

Mount Charles.

Also one on the first line near William Routledge's place.

At the bridge over Centre Road, one day there were twenty-eight ton of cattle run on to it at once.

That was about 1891.

The bridge was patented in 1889.

Miss Barker has the one picture of

They lived on the old Irvin farm.

Captain Grafton, was a blacksmith at Derry West, .

The Graftons at Fort Credit tried to find out some material about their relations.

Uncle Stewart Grafton ^{son of Thomas} married Briggman and raised large family.

His third wife is a twin sister of his first wife.

She is 90 and he is 93 years of age.

The Irvins are buried in Mount Charles cemetery.

The old Irvins came from the Southern States, and settled at Mount Charles--west half, lot 12, 3rd line 4th concession east.

This Irvin was a weaver, and the farmers used to take thier wool and get their weaving done at his farm.

He would take notes for payment. The Irvins were

-4- Statement of Edgar Grafton cont'd.

were interested in collecting things.

re the Kings of Mount Charles.—

One Charlie King was down two years ago.

He is related to the Garbutts of Malton.

He says when they settled there first ~~they~~ their
nearest neighbour was eight miles ~~was~~ away.

He was staying at Mr. Jack Garbutt's farm, Malton.

There is no other Grafton but me, no Kings and no
Armstrongs.

Mr. McCloud's wife is connected with the / Kings.

That is Norman McCloud)

Mr. Will Packham, Brampton—his wife was a McCloud.

Henry Briggman, Alem Park, between Durham & Hanover. •

Del Gazette, 12 March, 1936. Shafers ²⁵¹³²

Mr. Edgar Grafton has purchased
the farm of Mr. E. A. Wedgewood,
second line.

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FROM Livestock File

A long established herd of Yorkshires in the County is managed by Edgar Grafton near Brampton. This herd was started about 1900 and has been carried on with constant success since that time. There are usually around fifty pigs in the pens and pastures, and bacon hog production is the chief activity.

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Mr. Edgar Grafton,

RR#5, Brampton, Ont.

From Questionnaire Feb. 11, 1933.

Re Yorkshires.

Mr. Grafton has been breeding Yorkshires for
30 yrs.

His herd is 50 head.

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Rev. F. T. Grafton, 455 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto, 19 Feb. 1938

Frederick T. Grafton, b. Old Grafton homestead, Palestine, lot 11, con. 2, E. Toronto twp., son of Royal Grafton and Agnes M. Patterson.

Father was a bridge builder. Originally farmed the old homestead after returning from Fenian Raid and his father's death. He received patents for new type cattle staunchions used by many Ontario cattlemen. Then patented the "Grafton Undertruss Bridge". Built largely through municipal contracts in Ontario and Manitoba.

Great Grandfather, Stewart Grafton (born Ulster, Ireland) came from Virginia in 1812 - crossed Niagara, May, 1812 with pack horses. Were offered for location and refused (soil too poor) the N. W. corner (now) Yonge & Queen Sts., Toronto. Did settle permanently north of Upper Canada College. In fact, facing and south of Eglinton Ave., opposite where Avenue Road runs north from Eglinton. "Both my grandfather Thomas Grafton, and his father, Stewart, were with Gen. Brock at Queenston Heights, 1813."

"My mother was the elder daughter of David Patterson of Oakville. Agnes

Agnes Mary Patterson.

"My sister Amanda married James McBride. Vida A. m. William King;
Grace m. Arthur Hook; and Edgar."

"I was educated Brampton High School, Brampton Model School; graduate
in Theology, Victoria College, McMaster University (arts and Theology),
Ont. College of Education (Toronto). "

B.A., McMaster Univ., Toronto, 1930

B.Th., McMaster, 1931.

"Have one subject to write (only, now) to secure B.Paed. degree from
Toronto University. "

1935, received from Dept. of Education, Toronto, Principal's certificate
for high school and collegiates of Ontario.

"My wife's parents are George and Jane Wilson of 2nd line East Toronto

Twp., originally Yorkshire, England.

"My children are

(1) Hartley, F. P. Grafton, B.A., M.D., of Toronto University. Has his Br. Empire Medical Council. Recently practised in B.C. as well as Saskatchewan and Alberta. Has his L.M. degree (Licentiate of Midwifery), Rotunda, Dublin; His D.C.G. (Dr. College of Gynecology) of Trinity Univ. Dublin; and his D.C.O.G. and later his M.C.O.G. (Master of College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists), London, Eng. (This places him on the Council of the above Univ.). Is now on surgical staff of Rodcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, and lecturer in anatomy in Oxford Univ. Is now proceeding to his F.R.C.S. in Edinburgh.

(2) My daughter Vida Marie, has her R.N. degree and is graduate of Hospital for Sick Children. She is now the wife of Rev. G. Howard King, B.A., B.D. of Bethesda - Oriole circuit."

"I was ordained 1924 in Toronto (Methodist Conference just previous to

Union (United church 1925).

There was only 'The Methodist Church of Canada' in my time.

Palestine Church and my own people were of the Primitive Methodists originally.

1921-3, President of the Toronto Conference Epworth League & also

President of the Toronto Con. Epworth League Summer School at

Elgin House, Muskoka.

1925-5, "Sault Suburban" Methodist Co-operative circuit at Sault St.

Marie,

1925-7, Singhampton circuit in counties Simcoe and Grey

1927-30, Oriole, Bethesda, Concord circuit, suburban Toronto.

Organized present "Sault Suburban" circuit of Methodist Church, which was brought into the Union - United church, 1925.

Singhampton circuit - a 6 appointment - one-man field with mission grant, was left as two circuits with ordained man on each. Independent, During this time spent some months in study and research in Bible Lands,

Palestine, and Syria and about Mediterranean.

The Oriole, Bethesda ~~Sharon~~ Concord circuit raised from a mission station raising \$500 to an independent self-sustaining circuit. Both the Oriole and Concord appts. had been closed and without a pastor previously. It was also while in this pastorate that I attended McMaster Univ. and got my B.A. and B.Th. degrees.

I think you know that my father, Royal Grafton, (with Thos. Crumby) were chiefly responsible for the building of Palestine Methodist Church in 1870. Also that my father was Supt. of the Sunday School there for about 25 years.

That my wife and I were married in Palestine church in 1899 (June 22) and the next wedding there was my daughter Vida Marie, 8 Sept. 1934, 25 years after. None between and none since.

My wife, Mary (Jennie) is a graduate of Canada Business College ~~and~~

at Hamilton; and was organist and S. S. Teacher in Palestine for several years. Both my wife and daughter visited the (Holy Land, Syria) Palestine in 1933.

Belleville, 5 March, 1938 - am at present on collegiate and vocational staff here (7th year). Am not Principal of school but have (as above) my Collegiate Principal's Standing and certificate. Am Geography specialist at present. Guess this is because have toured Europe mostly from (and including) Spain to Russia, also North Africa from Algeria to Egypt as well as western Asia - Palestine and Syria.

My daughter Marie (Mrs. G. H. King) living at our apartments, ~~at~~ 534 Palmerston Blvd. My wife also returning there next week should you need more information re families. Phone Melrose 4846.

My son, Hartley (the Dr.) when in Ireland was investigating the Grafton Family history. In England he found 3 families by the name (one spelt exactly as ours now is) in the Domesday Book of William the Conqueror, about 1068."

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Stewart Grafton, Jr.
(son of Stewart Sr.)

Toronto W. con. 2 lot 10

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Patent 21 May 1824 for 200 ac issued to
Stewart Grafton & Jr.

b. 1800 Virginia - d 1851

s. of Stewart Grafton & Jr., see Toronto E. con 2
lot 11

m. Margaret Beatty, dtr. of Rev. John Beatty
Toronto W. con 2, lot 11

children -

J. Stewart

James B.

Also owned:

Toronto W. con. 5 lot 7 150 ac. 1824

Toronto E. con. 3 lot 7 SW $\frac{1}{2}$ 1825

con 4 lot 1 ~~SW~~SE $\frac{1}{2}$ 1842

Toronto SDS con. 1. lot 6 S $\frac{1}{2}$ 1846

lot 8 200 ac 1833

Grafton

PIONEER LIFE IN PEEL. (County Prize Story for Peel County)

*Copy in
Pomeroy & New Survey
files.*

Grafton

Grandfather Grafton crossed the Atlantic, when one year old, with his parents, who left Ireland in 1796, and followed relatives to the great cotton plantations of the South. Here they engaged extensively in the cultivation of cotton, corn and tobacco for fifteen years. Although prospering, and honored by being made a magistrate, the old gentleman liked neither that government nor those laws that permitted human beings to be sold into slavery and afterwards cruelly treated by hard taskmasters. He longed once more to dwell under British rule.

In 1812 when war against England was threatened, he hastily disposed of his plantation and determined to seek a home on British soil and help defend Britain's flag. He and his numerous family, with the aid of several pack-horses, set out on a dangerous journey of 1600 miles over high mountains, across swollen rivers and through 500 miles of wild, uncivilized, Indian Territory where the Indian warwhoop was heard and the scalping knife and tomahawk played their part.

Tenting out at night and resting on the Sabbath, with a firm trust in God and a noble object in view, they journeyed on and reached the Niagara River on the first of May, to find all communication cut off, but with explanations to the ferryman, and a gift of gold they were rowed in the darkness of the night across that "Jordan" and safely landed in the "Promised Land." Then with

Pioneer Life in Peel:

grateful hearts and praise to God for his Providential care and three cheers for Britain's King they resumed their journey through mud and snow and reached Little York (then containing two stores and two taverns) on the sixth of May.

Soon he sought and obtained an interview with General Sir Isaac Brock, told him all his adventures and tendered his services in defence of Canada. His devotion and loyalty were rewarded by a grant of two hundred acres of land for himself, and one hundred and fifty for each of his sons when they would become of age. He then settled his family on a homestead near York while he joined the York militia and served under that brave hero who fell at Queenston Heights exclaiming, "Rush on my brave York volunteers!"

In 1818 peace and prosperity reigned in Upper Canada. The Government was granting homesteads to desirable settlers. Many were arriving and seeking permanent homes and more land had to be surveyed.

The County of Peel (except the (Old Survey" of Toronto Township) was at that time an unbroken forest. In January, 1819, Mr. Street contracted to survey the remainder of Toronto and Chinguacousy Townships. He had to take his pay chiefly in land and his choice of a mill site which he selected on the River Credit, and years afterwards built a grist-mill and founded Streetsville. Mr. Street em-

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1865-1928

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Pioneer Life in Peel:

ployed Dr. Bristol as surveyor and a number of young men to assist him, who received one hundred acres each for their services.

Grandfather, then a young man, went out on this survey. When the party met, on the tenth of February, 1819, the ground was bare and they camped for the night.

Those camps were made of poles spread at the bottom, leaned together at the top and covered with bark. Grandfather having travelled a great deal had provided a small tent cloth. The surveyor was angry and told him he would have to carry it extra. That night a storm rose, and it snowed to the depth of 26 inches. The surveyor was invited under Grandfather's tent and found it so comfortable that he provided one large enough for the whole party.

The survey was completed the following summer, Grandfather settled and immediately built the first house, cleared the road, brought in the first waggon to this neighbourhood and kept "bachelor's hall" for three years. The New Survey of Toronto was soon occupied, partly by a colony of Irish settlers from New York, desirous of settling under the British Government. After sending agents to "spy out the land" and arrange with the Government, they drew their lots from the British Consul there, and left on the first of May, 1819, with a caravan of twenty-seven waggons. Crossing the Niagara by ferry they continued their journey towards Hamilton, arriving on a Saturday evening at an inn kept by Caleb Hopkins. Here they

Pioneer Life in Peel:

lodged for the night intending to resume their journey in the morning, but the innkeeper constrained them to rest on the Sabbath and accept of his hospitality free of charge. Then he invited them to gather around his family altar while he read the Bible and offered a fervent prayer in behalf of those weary travellers. The example of that pious innkeeper exerted an influence on their lives which they carried to their pioneer homes and transmitted to future generations.

It is said that Caleb Hopkins was soon after elected a member of Parliament, the only innkeeper who ever occupied that position in Canada.

The company arrived at Little York on the twenty-eighth of May and proceeded at once to their bush farms, dividing into two parties, Thos. Graham (father of George) and his friends settling in the East and John B. (founder of Cobourg College) and his friends in the West, near the River Credit.

.....(Part missing)
paid twelve and sixpence per quarter for each scholar and boarded the teacher around the settlement each one in proportion to the times the teacher would get on the "spree" and the boys would have a lively time.

Grist mills, stores, and post-offices were many miles distant. In those days of trial and privation the Missionary with his Bible and tomahawk found his way by the blaze on the trees to the homes and hearts of the

Pioneer Life in Peel:

struggling pioneers, many of whom were led to feel that "it was not all life to live nor all of death to die". Religious services were conducted in the humble homes of the settlers who would walk many miles to join in the worship.

The timber was cut down, logged and burnt off. Potatoes were planted and wheat sown on the new land and dragged in among the stumps with heavy harrows. The grain was reaped with the sickle, threshed with the flail and sometimes ground in a hand-mill, or pounded in a mortar. The logging was generally done by "bees," which often caused great excitement. Each acre or "through" was a day's work for one yoke of oxen, a driver, a director and four men with hand-spikes to roll the logs into heaps. The "throughs" were always staked out a day or two beforehand and viewed by spies from the different gangs who would be on hand and at work long before daylight to try who would be done first, and often a twenty-acre fallow would be completed by noon. Greater hardships and privations were experienced in the northern part of the country. Mrs. Campbell, mother of the custom officer of Peel, still survives and tells of families subsisting for several weeks on potatoes, some on beans, others on green herbs until the grain matured, which was often gathered while still in the milk and cooked for food.

In the early settlement of Toronto Township two enterprising young brothers came in from the American side

PIONEER Life in Peel:

and started a small store, supplying the settlers with goods in exchange for produce. Their honest dealings and courteous manners gained the confidence of the settlers and quite a business was transacted. The elder brother did the clerking the younger the teaming of the produce to York, returning with goods. Those two boys prospered. The "clerk" lived to a ripe old age, honored and esteemed. The "teamster" still survives and is known as Ex. Lieut. Gov. Sir Wm. Howland.

About the same time two settlers built a grist-mill on the Etobicoke Creek. There was sufficient water in spring-time to drive the stones. They turned the bolts by hand. When completed, they made a great feast for the settlers. The flour (made of wheat and smut) was very dark, but as the old miller said; "'Pon me conscience, it's sweet." After the feast was over the guests were asked if they knew what they had been eating. They answered "fowl" but felt sick when the old French hostess told them it was that kind that goes "co-hoo, co-hoo, co hoo-oo." As soon as the spring freshets were over, the creek dried up and the mill stood still. To overcome this difficulty they undertook to build a circular dam and race, by which they thought they could force the waste water round to the dam, thus utilizing the same water all summer. These foolish experiments which were kept up two or three years, were finally abandoned, the mill and farms forfeited and some of the millers financially ruined.

Pioneer Life in Peel:

When pioneers wanted to get married they often went on foot dressed in homespun, home-made, hemlock-dyed garments to the nearest magistrate and got "buckled" as it was then called. Grandfather went on one occasion to York (twenty miles). On his way through the wood, he overtook a tall, smooth-faced youth walking slowly. After chatting a while Grandfather hastened on, remarking that he was going to his sister's wedding, but the youth replied, "Don't be in a hurry, there'll be nothing done till I get there." A son of that smooth-faced youth is now a resident of Toronto, and one of Canada's most prominent school-book publishers. When my grandparents got married they wended their way to Squire Scott, father of our esteemed County Judge, who did quite a business in that line.

When sickness came, or accidents occurred a doctor was brought from York. The expenses were enormous; often the poor settler had to part with his only cow or a portion of his land to pay those expenses. Dr. McCuaig, one of the two leading doctors then in York, used to send a clever Irish servant boy once a year into the country on a collecting tour, who would sometimes return with quite a drove to dispose of. This boy afterward became one of the most extensive drovers in Canada, and the name of Robert Craig is known as a household word throughout Western Ontario.

The emigrant fever was the terror of the pioneers.

Pioneer Life in Peel:

One family arrived from Ireland terribly afflicted. The settlers were alarmed. No one visited them but Grandmother. She braved the danger, carried them food and medicine daily, and attended them until they recovered. Then she took the fever, Dr. McCuaig was sent for. He came on a foaming steed through the deep, partially frozen mud, the blood streaming from his horse's legs. When leaving he was asked his opinion, and answered by balancing his ridingwhip across his finger. While the fever raged her little daughter sickened and died. The doctor made several visits, the expenses of which were met by the sale of one hundred acres of land. Grandmother grew worse. The kind neighbor, Mrs. Aiken, who nursed her, went home to get a night's rest, leaving instructions to blow the horn as the end approached." Before morning the signal of approaching death aroused her from sleep. She hastened to her dying patient. After watching for hours by her bedside, a change for the better set in. She rallied and Grandmother lived to a ripe old age, and told her little grandson wonderful stories of pioneer life.

FREDERIC T. GRAFTON.

Mount Charles, Ont.

Crown Land Letters.

Toronto Twp.

Grafton

25951

Location Ticket

Under Order in Council, 4 Nov. 1818, appropriating for

Stewart Grafton Jr. (Son of Stewart Grafton of the Twp. of

York, 150 acres of land and confirmed by order in Council

12 Dec. 1821. I do hereby assign to Stewart Grafton Jr. the

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 7 and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Lot 7, both in Con. 5, W.C.R.

Twp. Toronto, Co. York.

15 Dec. 1821.

Thos. Ridout

Sur. Genl.

The settlement duty performed as attested and admitted

S.G.O. 20 Dec. 1824.

for the Sur. Genl.

Saml. Ridout.

Ticket of Location, under order in council, 4 Nov. 1818.

I do hereby assign to James Grafton, a native of Ireland,

now of the Twp. of York, yeoman, son of Stewart Grafton Sr.

the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 11, In con. 2, E.C.R. and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Lot 7

Con 5. W.C.R. Twp. Toronto 150 acres.

10 May 1819.

Thos. Ridout.

Sur. Genl.

The settlement Duty performed as attested and admitted
and certificate thereof filed in the Sur. Genl. Office,

York, 18 Apr. 1822.

Thos. Ridout.

Sur. Genl.

LAND BOOK

5.

UPPER CANADA.

1816 - 1819

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4th Nov. 1818.

Stewart Grafton, Jun. Praying for a grant of land as a settler.

On producing a certificate of his having taken the Oath of Allegiance Ordered an appropriation of one hundred and fifty acres to be confirmed when of age, he being only twenty years of age.

James Grafton - Praying for a ^{grant} part of Land as a settler.

On producing a certificate of his having taken the Oath of Allegiance. Ordered, 150 acres.

Thomas Grafton - Same as above. (Names)

1816 - 1819.

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5th Nov. 1818.

Jonathan Hill Praying for Land as the son of a U. E. Loyalist -

Granted, 200 ac. as such.

*Land grant
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[Signature]

COOKSVILLE

(This material to be added to Cooksville)

Mr. Stewart Grafton, son-in-law of Rev. John Beatty, was one of the active workers in the early days of Cooksville Methodism. Born in the year 1800 he was consecrated from birth by his parents who prayed and said, "We have lent him to the Lord, as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord." But it was not until the Methodist held special services near his father's home at Yonge St. that he became actively identified with the church. For 25 years he was a class-leader and most of the time a local preacher. He passed away after one day's illness, October 13, 1851.

see for 6 Com! S.D.S.
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MR. STEWART GRAFTON

copy
Died, October 13th, 1851, after only a day's illness, at the age of 51, Mr. Stewart Grafton, of the Cooksville Circuit, son-in-law of the Rev. John Beatty. God gave him parents whose principles and precepts were religious, who, when Stewart was born, prayed and said, "We have lent him to the Lord, as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord." And as a certain result, he was from a child favoured with the inestimable influences of the Holy Spirit, and became, what many called, a religious boy. But it was not until there was a special instrumentality employed by the Methodists near his father's house, on Yonge Street, that his thoughts desires, and feelings were concentrated, under that Spirit, on the one momentous point of his own conscious salvation.

For the last twenty-five years he was a Leader, and most of that time a Local preacher.

Govt of Stewart Grafton -

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General data

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25956

James Srafton
(son of Stewart Sr.)

52894

25857

Toronto W. Con. 2 lot 10

17 Feb. 1825, 200 a.c. bought for £100 by
JAMES GRAFTON -

S. of Stewart Grafton ^{SR.} $\frac{1}{4}$, see Toronto E.
Con. 2 lot 11

S. Thomas . See below

Also owned:

Toronto W. Con. 5 lot 7, 50 a.c.	1824
— E. Con. 2 lot 11, SW $\frac{1}{2}$	1824
Ching. W. Con. 1 lot 4 NE $\frac{1}{2}$	1820

Came from Virginia with his father and brothers
in 1812.

Mem. Wesleyan Meth. Church.

Re Graftons -

James Grafton, Master of L.O.L. No. 62, Whaley's
in 1834 and 1835,
Corners, was a son of Stewart Grafton Sr. who came
from Ireland to Virginia in 1796, settled on Yonge
street in 1814, and in 1824 received the patent for
lot 10, con. 2 W., Toronto twp.

Mary
Jane Grafton
sister

Stewart Grafton (1834-1919), who was Master of
L.O.L. No. 946, Brampton, in 1864, was a son of Thomas,
brother of James above. He had previously been a
member of ~~Brampton~~ ^{Meadowdale} L.O.L. 5 as were his brothers
Thomas and William. William married Mary Jane Armstrong,
daughter of "Cheery" Armstrong. Stewart helped to start
No. 946 perhaps in 1854 when his and William's names
disappear from No. 5. In the 1866-7 Directory Stewart
is shown as residing in Brampton.

Thomas Grafton, who was a charter member of
Meadowvale L.O.L. No. 708 in 1858, is probably Captain
Thomas (1833-1874), son of James above. He married
Ann Erwin.

James Grafton, Juryman, 1827

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New Material

52081

50 ac

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25981

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Land Book J. U. C. 1816-1819. Prov. Archives.

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4 Nov. 1818

Petition read before the Council.

James Grafton. Praying for a Grant of Land as a
Settler.

On producing a Certificate of his having
taken the Oath of Allegiance, Ordered 150 acs.

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Thomas Grafton -

b. 1833 - d. 1874, buried with members
of his family in Churchville Cemetery

s. of James Grafton, above

m. Ann Erwin, b. 1833 - d. 1908

Blacksmith,

Capt. of Derry West Militia Company at time
of the Fenians Raid. The order giving him this appoint-
ment has remained in the family papers. ~~with~~ It
is signed by Viscount Monck, Governor General
of British North America, and with military terse-ness
tells the whole message in ~~the~~ ^{the first} sentence:

" To Thomas Grafton, -

Reposing especial confidence
in your loyalty, courage and good conduct, I do
hereby constitute ~~you~~ and appoint you, during pleasure,
to be Captain in our Volunteer Militia Company
of Infantry at Derry West. 16 Jan. 1863 -

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From Dr. Royce

Copy of an old paper appointing Mr. Thomas Grafton a Captain
in the Volunteer Militia Company of Infantry at Derry West. in 1863

His Excellency Right Honorable Charles Stanley
Viscount Monck, Baron Monck of Ballytrammon in the County of
Wexford, Governor General of British North America and Captain
General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of
Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Island of Prince Edward
and Vice Admiral of the same.

To Thomas Grafton,--

Reposing especial confidence

in your loyalty, courage and good conduct, I do hereby constitute
and appoint you, during pleasure, to be Captain in our Volunteer
Militia Company of Infantry at Derry West. Taking precedence
in said Company from the 16th of January 1863 and in the Militia
of the Province from the 16th day of January 1863.

You are, therefore, carefully and willingly to discharge the duty
of Captain by exercising and well disciplining the Inferior Officers
and men of the said Company, and I do hereby command them to obey
you as their Captain and you are to observe and follow all such orders
and directions as you shall from time to time receive from me or any
other of your Superior Officers according to Law.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at Quebec this 16th day of
January in the year of our Lord 1863 in the 26th year of her
Majesty's reign.

Signed- Walter Powell,

Lieut. Colonel, Deputy Adjutant, General Militia.

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Family List
EXTRACT FROM MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS 1866-1868

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Headquarters, Ottawa, 9th February, 1866.

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Volunteer Militia.

General Orders.

No.3.

SERVICE MILITIA

UPPER CANADA.

Second Class Certificates.

Peel. Capt. Thomas Grafton, Gentleman.

By command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government and Commander in Chief.

P. L. MACDOUGALL, Colonel,
Adjutant Gen. of Militia.
Canada.

Grafton

ENDORSEMENT ON THE BACK OF SECOND CLASS CERTIFICATE.

SECOND CLASS

Certificate

from

School of Military Instruction, Toronto

to

Capt. Grafton.

Registered in the Office of the Adjutant
General of Militia, in Register C of
Officers' Certificates, (Service Militia
Upper Canada) Folio 7.

This twenty-second day of January, 1866.

W. Powell,

Lt.-Colonel,

Depty. Adjt. Genl. of Militia,

U.C.

PROVINCE OF CANADA

School of Military Instruction,

Toronto, 15 January 1866.

SECOND CLASS CERTIFICATE.

Grafton

I, the undersigned, Commandant of the School of Military Instruction at Toronto, established by Militia General Order of 25th February, 1864, under the provisions of the Militia Act of 1863, for the purpose of enabling officers of Militia or Candidates for Commissions or promotion in the Militia to perfect themselves in a knowledge of their Military duties, drill and discipline, do hereby certify that Captain Thomas Grafton of the Regimental Division of Peel has attended said School of Military Instruction, and has proved himself to my satisfaction able to command a company at Battalion drill, to drill a company at "Company drill", and that he has acquired a competent acquaintance with the internal economy of a Company and the duties of a Company's officer, and that he is qualified under the provisions of the said General Order to hold a "Second Class" Certificate, which is hereby granted.

R. W. Lowry, Col. V.

Commandant, School of Military
Instruction, Toronto.

Newcastle, Wyoming 5/7/21

Mr. F. T. Grafton

Barrie, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Grafton:

Since writing you I have run across some information of New England Hopkins, that seems to me significant, and in my mind indicates the family to which we belong.

While we were in Cheyenne for the Legislature, I spent a good many hours in the State Capitol at the State Library and made a most careful study of the Hopkins from all over, but never did I hit upon a family that contained these names to which I lay stress, or any that were in our branch of the family, except the name of Daniel and there were many of them.

It is only by accident that I ran across these, and they were in a book that had been in my possession for months, but our investigations of it had only been for the Colonel Benj. Cooley family, of which my husband is a descendant and through whom he went into Sons of REvolution.

After reading the information which I am sending you, I will appreciate hearing your opinion of this deduction.

I have written to Harwinton, Conn., and to Dutchess County, New York and several other places suggested by information I had from this book, and if anything further

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turns up, will let you know.

I do not know if I told you I would appreciate your part of the family tree or not, but I would, and wherever you can supplement the information I already have, I wish you would do so.

Could you tell when Daniel and Patience died and about their ages? I should like the birth place of Huldah and would appreciate your sending to Toronto for it. It is rather a nuisance for I cannot send stamps and I have to fool around to get a money order for 25¢ every time I get an inquiry in. I am hoping that the information will give some indication that she was born in Dutchess County, for this book gives a good many Hopkins as having gone there from Pittsford, as well as other families. There seemed to be a regular immigration there.

I have dashed this off in a great hurry, so if it is incoherent, do not mind. Will await with much interest, your reply.

Sincerely,

(sgnd) Cora M. Beach.

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May 15th, 1921.

My Dear Mr. Grafton:

I have your letter of the 12th with enclosures. I enjoyed them very much and they are well worth keeping with family records. I think pride of race and people makes for better people. We have considerable along that line both on my own and my husband's side of the family.

I have just succeeded in landing information that makes me eligible to Daughters of Revolution through father of Varnum Brown (Thomas Brown) and his father.

A Mr. Jos. Brown of London, with whom I got in touch through Aunt Melissa, sent me an autobiography of his father Rev. Thomas Brush Brown of E. Missouri. It contained just the information I needed.

I am convinced the Hopkins line is one of much interest and great worth. I have just read a letter from Dr. Dewey of the medical school of the U. of Michigan who from pleasure and on the side is a genealogist. He says "I will take pleasure in looking up the Hopkins family as soon as I can get to authorities. I am much interested in the Hopkinses as I have three Mayflower ancestors on that line. I think your line must run to John of the Hartford family or it is possible the Rhode Island family. I expect to pass the summer in Vermont and Mass. and hope to have an opportunity to look this up for you." If we do not get anything sooner, he may find it for us. I have to-day had three addresses of Hopkins in Niagara County New York, where Daniel lived before moving to Ontario. Have written them got these from Town Clerk of Wilson N.Y. Pension Dept. Paid him a small

Bonus at Wilson N.Y. for service in War 1812.

I had a letter from Aunt Melissa to-day also and she gives a little additional information. She says Lavina also married a Brown but he was no relative of her father Varnum.

Harriet's husband's name was Adams. She says Mrs. Van Valkenburg raised the daughter, Sophrona Adams and that she married Sall (?) McGee. She thinks there is record of this marriage at Norwich.

She also says a Hopkins Van Valkenburg died in Norwich in 1917. She has account of his death. She thinks a son Regvan still lives there.

If you ever go that way possibly you might learn something. I am to-day writing this Regvan. She, Aunt Melissa, says that there was somewhere in the family a family record, and as Mrs. Van Valkenburg got Daniel's Masonic apron possibly she got that.

You are welcome to keep the little history I sent you as I made a copy for you and also Aunt Melissa. Shall I return the Peel County Papers? If you ever get near Ingersoll do go to see Aunt Melissa. She lives almost across from the Episcopal Church, but then everyone knows where she lives. No record of Huldah's birthplace at Toronto. I think Mr. Grafton, if you have acquaintances in and around Grimsby possibly they could help you locate this man Wolverton, and these other Hopkins. If it was found any of them were born in

Vermont or Connecticut we would be reasonably sure of a relationship. If Caleb Hopkins was a member of Parliament surely there is record of his birth etc. Has that county a Library which might have some records of its early days? If so I suggest you write Librarian Aunt Melissa says Daniel kept an Inn at Stony Creek. I am trying to trace my Taylor and Collard line from Grimsby, Smithville, Beamsville (Taylor) and St. Catherines and St. Davids (Collard). If you run across any Collards please let me know.

I have written at great length and if you can read it, I will be thankful. This is my 10th letter, by hand to-day (Sunday) am at ranch, so have no machine. Write if you learn anything.

Sincerely

(sgnd) Cora M. Beach.

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Newcastle, Wyoming, 4/21/21

My dear Mrs Grafton:

I very much appreciate your nice letter which came today and am afraid you will think I am quite a nuisance but I am very anxious to get what information I can, and as soon as possible.

The information you say your Bible contains regarding Huldah Hopkins Grafton, is the same as I have as to the date of her marriage to Thomas Grafton and her death, but the place of her birth does not tally. I have a death notice that Aunt (my great-aunt) Melissa Bevins, who was Melissa Brown daughter of Amanda Hopkins and Varnum Brown, sent me from some old papers she had. It gives the place of Huldah's burial as in the graveyard attached to Gardnier's Church, and says that she was born in New York State. I am inclined to think this is correct for the office of the Registrar at Toronto says Amanda was born in St. Lawrence County, N. Y. and I will write there to-day asking if the records show the place of Huldah's birth. Daniel, their father served in the War of 1812 on the American side. I neglected to say the record I have gave the date of Huldah's birth as 1804. You left out the year when you wrote, you say "This Bible shows she was born on April 6th, in Ireland."

Testimony seems to have been a favorite

In a History of Pittsford, Vt., written by Caverly, and published by Tuttle and Co. of Rutland, Vt., in 1872, I find the following. And I base my claim to the connection to the use of the names, Daniel, Royal, Jesse and Huldah, which if they appeared singly would not signify much, but being used as they are I feel it is most conclusive.

Ebenezer Hopkins was born in Waterbury, Conn. in 1699. He married in 1720 and settled in Hartford, Conn. He became one of the original settlers of Harwinton, Conn. and removed there in 1733. While in Hartford they had born to them two sons James and Nehemiah, and in Harwinton, Elias, and a daughter Tabitha.

The first son James, married and had the following children, Caleb, James, Rhoda and Susannah. There is record of James and Caleb living in Pittsford.

The second son Nehemiah married Tryphena Smith and resided in Stockbridge, Mass. Their children were, Ebenezer, Nehemiah, Ashbel, Martin, Mathew, Jemima, Tryphena, Rachel and Sylvia, and most of these sons lived in Pittsford.

The third son Elias (wom I think is the line through which we come) married Polly or Mary _____. He had sons Elias, John, Jesse, Daniel and Royal, and daughters Saloma, who married John Van Allen, Polly or Mary who married Osum Strong, and of whom there is record in Pittsford in 1799. and Huldah, who married Josiah Osgood. Elias died supposedly in Pittsford in 1793, and there is record of his widow Mary there and that she married again, a Mr. Lee. I have also found mention of Elias, and son John being in Pittsford, but no others.

The daughter Tabitha married a Dr. Abithar Hillard, and after their marriage they lived in Dutchess county N. Y.. The dates of birth of the children of Ebenezer are not given except this daughter Tabitha, and it is Oct. 16th 1745. Her children were Abithar, Tabitha, Lydia, Huldah, Sarah, Olive, Phoebe, Jesse and Almon. Moved to Pittsford, Vt. in Feb. 1789.

There is record of many of these Hopkins having served in the Revolution. My deduction is that our Daniel was son of one of these sons of Elias, and to that end I am now investigating.

VARNUM BROWN.

Of Varnum Brown we have been able to find very little. It is claimed that he was born in the State of Rhode Island, and from his death notice it would seem that he was born in 1789 -90. He died in West Oxford, April 5th, 1867.

He enlisted in the War of 1812, from Erie County New York, and the following is his record of service.

Adjutant General's Office

Washington, D.C.

The records of this office show that one, Varnum Brown, served as a musician in Captain Ezekiel Cook's Company, Lieut. Col. William Warren's Regiment, New York State Militia, War 1812.

His commencement of service is stated as December 16, 1813 and expired January 14th, 1814. No further record of him has been found."

The first record we have of him in Ontario is having a farm in the neighborhood of Chinguaconcy, Ont. Ching E. Constable
The name of Varnum's father is not known, but it is thought his mother was Rebecca Brush. Tradition says that the father was born in Northumberland, England, but this I have not been able to verify.

From Chinguaconcy, the family moved to Lakeside and records show that Amanda, his widow received a dower from the Chinguaconcy farm in 1867 from a man by name of Sinclair.

Varnum, it is thought had a brother Joseph, this information which we have from a grandson of Joseph, who is Joseph Brown, Horn St. 3, London, Ontario.

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Hopkins Family.

Daniel Hopkins married Patience _____.

The earliest records our family have of him, are in 1819, when he was a resident of Stony Creek, Ontario and a member of the Masonic Lodge, of Grimsby, Ontario. The Lodge records, show that he was Junior Warden and raised to the degree of a Master Mason in that year and was in attendance at that Lodge till 1821, when it is supposed he moved near Brampton. At the time he was a member of the Grimsby Lodge, there were two others, Samuel and Philander Hopkins who were members, but if there was any relationship it is not shown. At the same time there resided in Grimsby a Caleb Hopkins, who afterwards became a member of Parliament. The Lodge records further say, Brother Daniel Hopkins was a relation of Bro. Wolverton, but what the relationship was is not known. Daniel is buried in the little Hamlet of Derry West., and Patience near there about five miles east of the old Grafton Homestead near Brampton, 5th line east, in an old country grave yard.

Daniel and Patience had the following children, Harriet, Lavina, Amanda, Artemissa, Huldah, Almira, and a son Jesse who died young. Of Harriet and Lavina, so far I have been able to learn little, but have from a member of the Grafton family the information except they both married and that Lavina had two daughters.

Whom the Registrar General's office says was born in Seneca County, New York, in 1808, ~~January 3rd~~ and died Coll. Ontario, Jan 3rd, 1870. She married Varnum Brown Port New York, Jan 1st, 1826, the ceremony being performed by Scott. They had children. Hopkins Daniel, who died 1845 aged 19 years, was killed ~~by~~ an ox team.

Jesse Brown (my grandfather) born 1829, died in Centerville, Ont., Sept 28th, 1884, aged 55 years.

Almira died at Newville, Ont, June 9th, 1856.

Testimony Patience Lawrence, wife of Lyman Lawrence, died in
Burford, Ontario, Feb. 14th, 1913

Melissa, born June 4th, 1850, married Norman Bevins and lives
in Ingersoll, Ontario.

Maidah Hopkins was born in 1805 in _____, N.Y.
and married Thomas Grafton in the year 1823. After her family
moved from Stony Creek they lived in Chingunacousy. She died in
the township of Toronto, October 20th, 1880. She is buried in
in the graveyard attached to Gardiner's Church.

She had a daughter Testimony, who married a man by name of
Switzer, also a daughter Amanda, who married _____ Commins, and
her oldest son was Royal, and another was Thomas.

Almira Hopkins married Hiram Van Valkenburg, and Artemissa married
Solomon Schell.

I find that the family have always claimed that Daniel served
in the War of 1812 in New York State, and the Records of the
Adjutant General's office at Washington give two men of that
name who served. Both also received a bonus or pension and the
one which would seem to apply to our Daniel gives him as a res-
ident of Wilson, Niagara County, N.Y., as that is the county in
which his daughter Amanda married. It would seem that Amanda
must have stayed behind the family over there, or else gone
back for her marriage, the date of which is seven years after
her father was active in the Lodge at Grimsby.

I have for a long time been trying to locate some
family in New England or New York State, with whom it
probable we might be connected and it is with much
pleasure at last succeeded, to the extent that in my
opinion of the connection.

From Lakeside, the Browns moved to Oxford County and Vermont
helped survey the county when it was nearly all woods.

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whom they were named? Daniel's wife was Patience-----
I have so far not been able to learn her family name.

I wish if you do not want to keep them you would send my letters of inquiry on to Amanda Commins family in Washington, and ask them to write me, and also please send me their address. Now again the name Amanda is used. These sisters Huldah and Amanda must have been loyal to the family names. Could you also get me the address of the Switzer family, or some member who would be likely to answer a letter.

I wonder if you could find anything of Daniel Hopkins from the Masonic Lodge at Brampton. The records of Stony Creek show that he was Junior Warden of the Lodge there and he would no doubt have gone into the Brampton Lodge or the one nearest there. If they conducted his funeral they might have information of the place of his birth.

The sister of Huldah and Amanda whose name was Almira, I have been unable to learn much of. I wonder if any of your people know where her family is.

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to visit you, and I may surprise you sometime. We are talking of driving back to Michigan this summer and of driving down through Canada to Niagara, but whether we will be able to manage it, cannot say as yet, for my husband is an attorney, and sometimes the work is unexpectedly heavy and he cannot leave. This is a wonderful country and is the real west you read about. We are in the foothills of the Rockies and people come from the east by the thousands to this state for our

wonderful sceneray. I shall hope to hear from you
again soon and will await with interest, your
reply.

Sincerely,

(sgnd) Cora M. Beach.

York, Thurs. April, 26, 1827.

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FOR SALE,

The WEST HALF of lot No. 7 in the 3rd concession east of centre road in the township of TORONTO, with 10 Acres under Grass, and well fenced, four miles north of Dundas Street, opposite Mr. Daniels's tavern. Also the west half of lot No. 12 in the 4th concession west of the centre road, with a house and other improvements thereon, 3 miles NORTH OF STREETSVILLE. These lots contain 100 acres each, and will be sold

Cheap for Cash.

Apply to the subscriber on the last mentioned lot.

STEWART GRAFTON, Junior

Toronto, 23d April, 1827.

*Daily Star**15th December 1937**Grafton*

Star *Dixie Dec 16/37*
MRS. M. GOLDTHORPE
DIES IN 79TH YEAR

Dixie, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Martha Goldthorpe, 78, died here yesterday. Born in Derry West, she had lived here 50 years.

Despite a long period spent as an invalid, she was an enthusiastic hockey fan. She was the daughter of Capt. John Grafton, an early settler in Toronto township. Mrs. Goldthorpe remembered the Fenian raids when her father was an officer in the 130th Peel regiment.

Mrs. Goldthorpe had lived in Port Credit and Cooksville before coming here. In 1931, Mrs. Goldthorpe celebrated her golden wedding anniversary.

DOMINION ARCHIVES

U. C. Sundries, March-May, 1824.

To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland K. C. B.
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada & Major
General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein &c &c

In Council

The Petition of Stewart Grafton of the Township of York
Yeoman

Humbly Sheweth

That Your Petitioner is a Native of
Ireland, has lived in this Province since the year 1812,
and has a family of a wife 3 Boys and Seven Girls. That Your
Petitioner gratefully acknowledges a Grant of 200 acres of
Land in Toronto which he located on lot No. 10 in the 2nd
Concession West of the centre Road, whereon he has cleared and
fenced 20 acres, has filed a Certificate of Settlement
duties and paid the fees and is now getting out the Deed.
That your Petitioner's Sons having each 150 Acres of Land and
desirous to possess 200 acres Your Petitioner has divided the
above lot among them. That Your Petitioner has means and is
desirous to improve an additional Grant. Wherefore Your
Petitioner humbly Prays Your Excellency will be pleased to
grant him 200 acres of Land in addition.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will
ever pray

(sgnd) STEWART GRAFTON

York 14 April 1824.

(no notes on back of this petition)

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Newcastle , Wyoming.

June 1st, 1921

My dear Mr. Grafton:

I have just had an inspiration that possibly may lead to the finding of information of Daniel and Patience Hopkins. Can you possibly locate the time of their death and if so, do you not think that the Christian Guardian of Toronto may not have carried an account of their death that would give place of birth etc?

I have just recently come into possession of a little Autobiography of the Rev. Thomas Brown of Nissouri, which in speaking of his grandmother, said "An account of her death was given in the Christian Guardian together with the story of her captivity by the Indians in the state of Vermont"

On the strength of this , I wrote the Guardian asking if their files dated back very far and they inform me they are all intact to 1829. Also if I could locate the approximate year the death referred to, occurred, they would be glad to look it up. So I am bending all efforts to get the date and if I am unable to will employ someone to go through them until they do, for she was grandmother to Varnum Brown.

That is how it occurred to me that the Hopkins might have had some such account, for according to the obituary of Huldah Grafton, she was a Methodist, and I thought

possibly they were too, but of course that maynot have been necessary as I understand this paper expressed its views on all matters of the day, in the early years at least.

If you think this suggestion worth while, could I ask you to write very soon to the Guardian, for I hate to ask so many favors of them. I have considerable inquiry on foot in both New York and Vermont and before long hope to have a lead that may help us.

I have been given the address of a William Hopkins of Birmingham, Ont as one whom some of the New York Hopkins thought might be able to give me information. I am wondering if you could get in touch with him. I asked these others if they could throw any light on the matter as to whether the Philander and Samuel Hopkins who were members of the Grimsby Masonic Lodge and Caleb Hopkins of the Inn, were in any way related to Daniel Hopkins also a member and gave what information I had of Daniel. They also tell me there is a Daniel Hopkins in Toronto.

I shall appreciate your opinion in the matter of the Guardian, and if you can get any information there feel it will be pretty reliable, for it was written at the time and is not heresay.

Thanking you for past favors, I am,

Hastily,

Cora m. Beach

Newcastle, Wyoming.

September 9th, 1921.

My dear Mr. Grafton:-

Yours of the 6th inst. just received and very much appreciate your prompt reply. Just after mailing the card to you I had a letter from M. R. W. Van Valkenburg, of 98 Waterloo St. Brantford, who is grandson of Hiram and Almira Hopkins Van Valkenburg. This letter was in reply to one of inquiry I had written to Norwich (where Van Valkenburgs lived) at least 6 months ago. So you see at last I have gotten track of some others of the descendants of Daniel and Patience Hopkins, besides your line and mine (Brown).

He gave me the address of his brother in Regina Sask. and a sister of his father (who would be daughter of Almira Hopkins.) Her address is Mrs. Lounsberry 26 Wentworth St. Hamilton and another Mrs. James Dignan, Exeter, Ont. Said his brother had the family Bible. He, himself, knew nothing.

Then there was Malcom and Warren Schell living in Woodstock, whom he said were related to Hopkins and Van Valkenburg. Did not seem to know the relationship however. Of course I do not know how many generations removed they are, but they are undoubtedly descendants of Solomon Schell who married another of the Hopkins girls, Artemissa.

I have written them all except Mrs. Dignan, so may hear something soon. This Mr. Van Valkenburg has a sister Mr. W. A. Dawson living at 29 Bloomfield Ave., Toronto. Possibly your son would make inquiry of her. He did not think she would have much information, but

one never knows just what little piece of information may be picked up. For instance if she happened to know date and place of birth of Almira (her grandmother) it would give us a definite place to look over here.

The father of this man was Hiram Hopkins Van Valkenburg. See how they keep the name.

I had thought it possible we might get to Canada this summer, but my husband could not make it, he was very busy with litigation over oil lands in which we had considerable interest, along with numbers of others, and which I am glad to say were settled in our favor by Secretary of Interior, and he was also retained as special prosecutor in a murder case in a distant part of the state, so we have been busy. Spent some time in the mountains, all trips were via automobile and we drove 9,000 miles this summer.

I shall hope to hear that you have landed a little new information soon and will myself write if anything startling or new develops.

Very Sincerely,

(sgnd) Cora M. Beach.

Have received considerable information on Brown line which enables me to become member of D. A. R.

Do you by any chance know McMichlens (?) They are supposed to have lived at Hamilton. James Brown (brother of Varnum) married Nellie McMichlen. They left one daughter, Isabelle Brown of whom I can get no trace. There was either a father of Nellie McMichlen who was a doctor.

(sgnd) C. M. B.

May 5th, 1921

Mr. F. T. Grafton

Barrie, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Grafton:

Your interesting letter of April 26th received this morning and I shall reply at once, for if you are really interested we may each be of assistance to the other. My great trouble has been the indifference that most people have shown in the matter, and of course all Canadians could not sympathize with my desire to establish service of an ancestor in the American Revolution in order to make me eligible to membership in the Daughters of the Revolution.

I think I can go a little farther than you with my information, for I have recently spent months and have written heaps of letters and spent considerable money advertising etc.

From Aunt Melissa Bevins I learned that Daniel Hopkins and Varnum Brown both served in the War of 1812 in New York State. So by numerous inquiries I have recently had from the War Department at Washington, the record of service of Varnum Brown and the records of two men named Daniel Hopkins. The Pension Department informs me that Varnum Brown was living in Oxford County when he received land script for 160 acres and that one Daniel Hopkins was in Ohio and the other in Wilson, Niagara County N. Y. Now I decided that he (the last named) was our ancestor

for the reason that Aunt Melissa has records which show that Amanda and Varnum were married in Lockport, the County Seat of Niagara County, Jan. 1st, 1826 by Justice of the Peace Scott.

She also told me that he was a prominent Mason and so I wrote the Grimsby Lodge, near Stony Creek and they had records showing that in 1819 he had been Junior Warden of that Lodge but there was no record of him after 1812, so I took it he moved to Chingacousy and write down that way to try to find out if he might have been burried by the Lodge there or they had any record of his birth place or parentage. No one ever replied. Now here is where you may be useful and can get in some work.

There must have been relatives left back in New York State with whom Amanda stayed, or she must have journeyed back there for her marriage, for that was 7 years after we have record of her father in the Grimsby Lodge.

Your Registrar General's Office at Toronto can give the birth place of any one having died after 1869, but not before, and I have from there the information that Amanda was born in St. Lawrence County, New York. They charge 25¢ for giving you the information if you can give the year of death and full name. They have births and marriages also since that date.

The records from Pension Department show Varnum enlisted from Erie County, which joins Niagara County on the South.

Aunt Melissa gives me the following from her old Bible.

Amanda Brown died at Ingersoll Jan. 3, 1870 aged 62 years.

Varnum Brown died April 5th 1867 in West Oxford, aged 78 or 79 years.

Their children were Hopkins James Brown, died Jan. 1845 aged 19 years.

Calvin James Brown died Sept. 28, 1884 aged 55 years.

Artimissa Almira Brown died at Beachville June 9th 1856

Testimony Patience Lawrence wife of Lyman Lawrence died in Burford Feb. 14th 1913.

Melissa who is Mrs. Norman Bevins at Ingersoll must have been born around 1850. She surely would be delighted to hear from you she has been invaluable in the amount and interesting information she has been able to give me.

She never had but one child, a daughter, Mary who married Richard Clegg, a furniture manufacturer at Wingham, Ont. He died just a little while ago, but I believe Mary still lives in Wingham.

Aunt Testimony whom I remember very well, it is thought had the family Bible, but after her death her son Gene had it and Aunt Melissa says she is sure he had it burned in a fire that burned their home. I understand Gene is somewhere in Northwestern Canada, but possibly we could get his address. I just have not had time and I felt sure my father and Aunt Melissa could give me all the information he would have anyway. Then there was Peter, another son and I know he lived in Ingersoll

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about a year ago and a letter addressed to him there would probably reach him, but do not think he knows as much as Aunt Melissa.

Calvin married Lucinda Sage and they had three children, my father, James Emerson, Edgar, still living in Ingersoll, (father lives out here near us) and a daughter Mary Ann who died many years ago, but who married a man by the name of Jefferson and I do not recall if she left one or two children, but it seems to me it was a son named Harry. At one time they lived near Ailsa Craig, but the family have not heard of them for years.

Uncle Edgar has one daughter Beatrice living in Ingersoll, unmarried, her mother died a number of years ago, and she lives with a sister of her mother.

If you are interested in carrying out the family history to date I will next time I write give you date and place of birth of all members of our family.

When I started on my investigation I was handicapped by the fact that all four grandparents were Canadian born and none of the immediate family seemed to know they had lived elsewhere, so I investigated on all lines and eventually was running down ten, Sages, Nunns, Collards, Clines, Lawrences Browns, Hopkins, and others, so you can see it has kept me busy. I know I have not stretched it when I say I have written 500 letters.

In going over your letter, I see you say Calvin was killed by an Ox team. That is a mistake as he died of pneumonia, but his brother Hopkins was so killed, and he

was unmarried. Do you suppose the Clerk of Peel County would have any records showing where Varnum Brown had been born or the name of his parents? Aunt Melissa made no mention of Daniel having daughters Lavina and Harriet, but of the Van Valkenburgs, and Schells she knew and the brother Jesse. Do you know if he died in Ontario or not, and are there any of the Schells or Van Valkenburgs one might correspond with and who might have an old family Bible with records?

Could you learn where your grandmother was born in New York State? Aunt Melissa says positively that Mrs. Grafton is mistaken in saying that she was born in Ireland, for hse feels that none of the Hopkins were ever born there. We think the father of Daniel served in the Revolution, if I only knew his name could locate that information from the War Department.

Speaking of your story, Pioneer Life in Peel, I should be glad to have a copy, and the Grimsby Lodge mentioned a Caleb Hopkins and some others, and I am wondering what relation they were, if any, to Daniel. If Patience or Daniel died after 1869, will you please write the Registrar's office at Toronto and see what records they have regarding them?

We have six children, four boys and two girls. My husband was one of the first hundred thousand in France in the World War, after our participation in it, and was there 16 months. Saw service in St. Mihiel and Argonne as a motor transport officer of one of our

divisions. Went over a Captain and returned a Major.

We are talking of driving back to Michigan this summer and then down through Ontario to Niagara, but do not know if we can manage to get away for that length of time or not. We do drive a great deal and most of this part of the country we have visited. Are in the foothills of the Rockies and of course scenery is a steady diet with us.

We would be glad to have you visit us, if at any time you come this way.

(sgnd) Cora M. Beach.

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Barrie, Ontario.

April 26, 1921.

Mrs. Alfred H. Beach,
Newcastle, Wyoming.

Dear Mrs. Beach:

Your letter received to day, and it was certainly some what of a surprise, but a very agreeable one, but I fear I cannot give you all the information you wish, perhaps very little.

Some years ago before my fathers death, I secured from him all the inforamtion I could get regarding the family history, on both sides of the house. From this I know exactly where to place you.

I have a memorandum of your grandfather Calvin Brown with a memo that he was killed by an ox running away, also he had two sisters married and living in Ingersol. You have mentioned on of them as Mrs. Melissa Bevins. Will you please give me all the particulars you can regarding her, and the other sisters in the family and descent as well on your own side. I have a memorandum that Calvin Brown's mother Amanda Hopkins, married V. Brown living for a time in Chinguacousy, county of Peel, and afterwards moving to Ingersol, which I presume was your early home. This Amanda Hopkins Brown had one brother Jesse, who was killed as a young man, and the sisters were Lavina and Harriet of whom I have practically no record, except that they were married, the former having two daughters. Then there was Almira, who was Mrs. Valkenburg, also Artimissa who is Mrs. Solomon Schell, and Huldah who was my own grandmother and was married in 1823 to Thomas Grafton, I think she was the oldest of

the family and was born in 1804 in New York State and came as a child to Stoney Creek, near Hamilton, I remember her death in 1880. The parents of all these again were, Daniel and Patience Hopkins of whom you refer, who would be my great grandfather and grandmother, and your great, great grand parents. I fear I can tell nothing of who Patience Hopkins was before this, but I thought they both came from New York State or New England. I think Mrs. Edgar Grafton is mistaken when she says they came from Ireland, as it was on my grandfather Grafton's that the Irish ancestry came in. The old Grafton Homestead, located by my grandfather Thomas Grafton in 1820, three years before his marriage to Huldah Hopkins died and is buried at the little hamlet of Derry West, about two miles west. About two years ago, when motoring through there, my family and I went all through this old forsaken grave yard, but could find no stone or any thing that would give the slightest information. As I was only about four years old when my grandmother Huldah died, I knew nothing from that source.

I have a story that I wrote as a boy to the Montreal Witnesses entitled "Pioneer Life in Peel." I could send you a copy of this, if it were of any advantage to you. In it is mentioned the fact of a certain Caleb Hopkins, who was an Inn-Keeper at Stoney Creek in 1819, seven years after my own grandparents came over there as United Empire Loyalists. This man afterwards became Member of Parliament. I am anxious myself to get any further

information, and perhaps you could be of value to me in this regard. If you wish it I will send a copy of the Family Tree, on this side of the house, with whatever information you could give, or that you possess, and I am sure from your information you could largely supplement this.

I regret I have not been able to give you more than this, but I don't know of any one who can give you any more. As far as I know I have more Family History, than any one else of the connection, and especially as my own family are the only ones in touch with the original place and scenes of their later years and death.

If you are ever in the East, we will be delighted to have you come and see us, and possibly some day we might go into your vicinity. I have been through most of the Western States except in the North-West corner, and we have talked of a motor trip through the West in the near future.

Anticipating your early reply, and with kindest regards. I remain

Yours very sincerely,

April 21st, 1921.

My dear Mr. Grafton:

I have been in communication with your brother Edgar's family and they mentioned your name in one of their letters so I am writing to ask you if you can recall any of the things you may have heard as a child of your great-grandparents, the Daniel Hopkins family.

My grandfather was Calvin Brown, son of Varnum Brown and Amanda Hopkins Brown and Amanda was sister of Hulda Hopkins Grafton, both daughters of Daniel and his wife Patience Hopkins. I have never been able to learn the family name of Patience and I wonder if you have ever heard it.

Daniel served in the War of 1812 from New York State and the office of the Registrar General at Toronto says that Amanda was born in St. Lawrence County, New York. Mrs. Edgar Grafton says their old Bible says Huldah was born in Ireland, but I am inclined to doubt it, and I have the death notice of Huldah which my great-aunt Melissa Brown Bevins (daughter of Amanda Hopkins) sent me and it says she was born in New York State also. Daniel was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Grimsby, in 1819, and was Junior Warden at that time. Did you ever hear if he belonged to the Lodge any where in New York State. They seem to have moved around quite a little for Amanda was born in St. Lawrence Co. N.Y. after War of 1812 and I am sure this is our Daniel. I cannot quite figure

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it out, but Amanda was married in Lookport, Niagara Co. in 1826, which is county seat which was seven years after we have record of her father in Ontario. She must have gone back or stayed there with some relatives and I am wondering if you know where Huldah was married. The year is 1823 according to the death notice and the Bible Edgar's have.

I want particularly to learn if possible the family name of Patience Hopkins, where and when she and Daniel were born, and the parents of Daniel. Did Daniel receive a pension from his service in War of 1812. Varnum Brown his son-in-law did.

If you ever heard any place in New York state mentioned in connection with them, and if either he or Patience had brothers or sisters.

I wish this information to learn, if possible, if eith the father of Daniel or Patience served in the American Revolution. I am trying to locate a direct ancestor who did serve so that I may be eligible to membership in the Daughters of the Revolution, which is one of the most desirable organizations we have. I surely will appreciate it if you will write me as early as possible and anything in the way of information or tradition that you may have heard, may put me on the right track to get records.

Thanking you in advance for any trouble you may take in the matter, I am, Most sincerely,

(sgnd) Cora M. Beach

P. S. Can you tell me when Daniel and Patience died and how old they were?

Newcastle, Wyoming.

April 12th, 1921

My dear Mrs. Grafton:

I was so pleased to receive your inquiry as to the information I wanted and lost no time in writing you regarding the same and have been awaiting with much interest your reply, but now that so many weeks have passed and I have had no letter, I am afraid you did not receive it.

I would very much like to know if your family, or an other branch of the family might know from what locality Daniel Hopkins moved in New York State, and if the name of ²Nulah Hopkins Grafton's mother is known, or where and when she was born. These bites of information would give a clue where to look for other information.

The War records at Washington give the names of two Daniel Hopkins who served in the War of 1812, one living in Niagara County, N. Y. and the other when he received his pension after the War, in Ohio. I cannot really be sure however unless we can get more information on which is our Daniel. The Niagara County man had an initial, Daniel D. Have you such information of our Daniel. The office of the Registrar at Toronto says that Amanda, who married Varnum Brown was born in St. Lawrence County, N. Y. Do you people have any information of Varnum or where he may have came from or who were his parents?

Aunt Melissa, Amanda's only living daughter says their family Bible gives the following record of

Amanda's marriage. That she was married to Varnum Brown in Lockport N. Y. Jan. 1st, 1826 by Justice Scott.

Now the records of Grimsby Masonic Lodge, Ontario give record of Daniel as having come into that Lodge as early as 1818, so Amanda must have gone back or remained with relatives. Do you know if Daniel or his wife had brothers or sisters and who they were?

I suppose you do not really care about this and think it foolish, but if you have any information or can tell me who might, I should esteem it a great favor. Where are the descendant's of the sister Almira? do any of you know. Did the son Jesse Hopkins die in Canada or New York State?

I shall hope that you will write me by return mail if possible, and if by chance you should be interested, will be glad to let you know the outcome of my investigation.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply,
I am, Sincerely,

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February 27th, 21.

Mrs. Edgar Grafton,
Brampton, Ontario.

My Dear Mrs. Grafton.

I had your letter this morning upon my return from two months attendance at the Legislature, with my husband.

I suppose your husband is a rather distant relative. My great-grandmother Amanda Hopkins Brown, wife of Varnum Brown, was sister of Huldah Grafton. I am trying to find out something about the parents and grand-parents of Huldah and Amanda, as I wish to trace service in the Revolutionary War on the American side. Amanda's father Daniel served in the War of 1812 from New York State and it is thought his father served in the Revolution.

We know Daniel's wife's first name was Patience, but do not know her last name.

A daughter of Amanda and Varnum Brown still lives in Ingersoll, Ontario. She was the youngest child and is 72 years of age. She has given me what information I have and among some papers she sent me was the death notice of Huldah Grafton, which gave me a clue of where to look for her descendants. Her name is Melissa Bevins. A marriage notice of Amanda Hopkins to Varnum Brown, says they were married at Lockport N.Y. Jan. 1st. 1826. But the records of the Masonic Lodge at Stony Creek, Ont. show her father Daniel Hopkins was a member of the Lodge there in 1819. So Amanda must have stayed behind or went

back for her marriage.

I got the record of Amanda's death from the Provincial Registrar at Toronto and it says she was born in Lawrence County N. Y.

I want to find the name of Daniel Hopkins wife, and his parents and time and place of birth and the same information of Patience's people. Aunt Melissa thought some of the Grafton family might have the family Bible or some records. Varnum Brown had a farm down that way somewhere, I wonder if there are real estate records that would give us information of them.

If Daniel Hopkins and his wife died there the stones on their graves probably bear the date of birth. The Masonic Lodge ought also to have records, if you could tell me where Daniel Hopkins was a member. I wish I could know when Daniel came to Ontario and from where.

I will appreciate it if you will answer this as soon as possible, and if you cannot give me the desired information I will be glad to have the adress of any other relative who might. I might add that Calvin Brown son of Varnum was my grandfather and his son James Emmerson is my father.

I am one of 5 children and lived in Ingersoll, Ont. till I was 12 years of age.

I have six children. My husband is an attorney here. Awaiting an early reply, I am

Sincerely

(sngd) Cora M. Beach.

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amid by card

Sent to: Edgar Grafton, Esq.,
R. R. No. 5,
Brampton.

Re Daniel Hopkins

Great grandfather of Edgar Grafton.

Fought in the war of 1812 on American side.

Lived at Stoney Creek at the same time as Caleb
Hopkins, innkeeper, who became M. P. Our
records have Daniel as nephew of of Caleb. Is
this right? *I do not know.*

On what lot did ^{Daniel} ~~David~~ live in Chinguacousy?

East half of lot 2, 4th concession. East
(5th according to township book)

Sent to: Edgar Grafton, Esq.,
Brampton, Ontario.
R. R. No. 5.

Re Royal Grafton

Where can we get a picture of one of Royal Grafton's bridges?

Sorry. I do not know.

More details concerning them, how many built, where, cost endurance, during what years they were built?

He built about 100 in Ontario and Manitoba between 1890 and 1910. It was patented in 1891.

Was Thomas Grafton, son of James, a blacksmith or an innkeeper?

He was a blacksmith at Derry West and Meadowvale. Henry Briggam learned the trade with him.

Why was he called Captain?

I believe he was Captain of the Derry West company of volunteers.

The names of your uncle Stewart Grafton's wives, were they Catherine Kennedy and two Briggman girls?

Stewart Grafton's only wife was Catherine Kennedy. Henry Briggam, who died last week at Hanover, aged 95, had as first and third wives (the latter is still living) twin sisters of Catherine Kennedy.

Sent to: Edgar Grafton, Esq.
R. R. No. 5,
Brampton.

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*He was father
of the Dundas
Graftons*

Was Stewart Grafton, born 1800, died 1851, a son
of Stewart Grafton Sr., ^{yes} and a brother of Thomas
Grafton? (my grandfather) ^{yes}. James Grafton, father
of Captain Thomas Grafton, was the third
brother.

What was his wife's name?

She was one of the Beattys.

What family did he have?

*J. B. Grafton and J. S. Grafton. of the
Clothing Firm at Dundas.*

What details of his life can you supply?

Business

Lodge

Military

Religion

Methodist.

Where did he live?

*At Meadowvale, lot 11, 3rd concession.
" " " 10, 2nd "*

Did he start a firm called Grafton Bros. at Dundas?

Yes.

James Grafton

History
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WELL KNOWN PEEL COUNTY FAMILY CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL.

Emigrated from Ireland in 1834 and Experienced All Trials and Hardships of Pioneer Days--Were Successful in Making Homes in Peel County--Only Five of Descendants of Original Family Remain.

These are years of centennial celebrations on behalf of very many of our first settlers. In the summer of 1834 Ann (Weir) McCulloch, widow of James McCulloch, of Ballymena, Co. Antirm, Ireland, set sail for Canada with her two sons, John and James McCulloch, and two daughters, Olivia and Eliza Ann. The family were accompanied by James Nicholl, who afterwards married the eldest daughter, Olivia.

It was in the year of the cholera and in order to escape it if possible the captain took his slow sailing vessel away north out of his course, taking 10 weeks and 3 days to cross the Atlantic. The mother of this family had contracted the dread disease and did not live to see a new home in Canada as she died from fever just as they landed at Quebec and she was buried on Gross Island while they lay in quarantine there.

The family were grown up, the youngest being in their teens, but started in sadness into the land of

their adoption, to hew out for themselves a home with no knowledge of conditions and no fitness whatever to clear a bush farm, and no money to make a start. Hand loom linen weavers in Ireland, they knew this craft, men and women, but this they left behind them in good old Ireland.

They headed for Upper Canada where, like many other families, they had heard of bush farms to be had for small money and with a chance to clear and own a farm of their own. Eventually they made their way, these five people as far as Toronto, which was just becoming a city in that same year. The two lassies found service in $\frac{1}{2}$ Toronto.

John McCulloch found work with a farmer by the name of Grafton whose farm was situated up Yonge St. near what was known as Montgomery's tavern and was still working there at the time of the rebellion in 1837. Walking down Yonge St. toward the city one evening he was picked up by the soldiers who were at the time very active and was taken to the city and locked up as a rebel over night. In the morning he expressed his desire to see one "Coulson" of the militia forces. This was granted and "Coulson" immediately vouched for his loyalty and at once obtained for him his liberty.

Grafton and James McCulloch and James Nicholl came on west and eventually landed at Brampton, which was scarcely started. In this new district they all at last found congenial friends who had come from the same homeland and here

they decided to make their new home. These three men worked together and saved together until they were able to clear and to own a farm for each and remained brothers true as long as they lived. All married and raised families, their homes being on lots 17, 21 and 22, 2nd con. west, Chinguacousy. The younger daughter, Eliza Ann, became the wife of James Reid of Esquesing, Halton County. Of their sons and daughters, only five now remain to tell the story of the centennary of their coming to Canada in 1834. They tell it to the grandchildren and great grandchildren so that they may pass on this bit of history to future generations. The names of these five are given herewith: Mrs. Mary E. Nicholl, Grand Valley; Thos. McCulloch, St. Catharines; the family of John McCulloch, and Mrs. S. A. Lyons, Scott St.; W. B. McCulloch, West St., Brampton, and Robt. McCulloch, sons and daughter of James McCulloch. Robert is still in possession and residing on the farm cleared by his father.

We are fast nearing the time when scarcely one of the children of those early settlers who cleared the lands of this country are living to tell the story as they heard it from the lips of those sturdy pioneers who, with courage and faith, started to hew out for themselves a home amidst hardship and difficulties which, to our generation, would be insurmountable.

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(Hapton)

1876

June 12 Wm. Hamill Commenced work for 5 months
at \$92.50- $\frac{1}{2}$ month on trial

June 12 Pd. for 1 straw hat .20

Cash pd for $\frac{1}{2}$ month 9.00

Memorandum of Settlement with

Willie Stewart made ²18th Jan. 1879

Commenced work 15 July and remained till days
Aug. 21st 33

Returned ²27 Aug. and remained till 31st at noon 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

Returned Sep. at noon and quit 13 at noon 8

Returned 16 and quit 17 at noon 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

Returned 19 and remained greater part

of the time till 12th Oct.

Less wet and broken days

6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at 35¢

17
64
62
\$31.00
2.28
33.28

R.B. J.J.

D. upl.
in
Methodist-
Palestine

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Wages	\$33.28	
Cash pd	4.00	
Cash "	10.00	
" "	8.00	
Beef	.40	
Peas	<u>.30</u>	
	22.00	<u>\$11.58</u>
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Ac with Baraddy

Fair on Cars \$7.00 Sep. 30 Hat \$1.00 ^{Boots} Rebs \$2.50

\$10.50

Oct. 6 Boots \$3.25 Cash 50¢ 3.75

Sep 30 27 ds(Sic) pants 1.60 2.80

Smock & 2nd hand shirt-cap & hat .50
one shirt in Toronto

Wages up till 10 Dec. \$10.00

from 10 Dec. \$1.00 per week

Dec. 18 One Coat 4.05

Cloth for vest .68

Trimming " .28

1876

Jan. 13 Cash .65

Cr. by 4 weeks at "1.00 per week \$4.00

\$14.00 \$23.21

Commenced Work 2nd March for 9

months for \$50.00

Moh. 17 6 yds shirting at 20¢-Lining 8 - 1.28

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Ap. 1 pr. coarse Boots from Copre(Sio)	4.00
Repairing " Tilt	.60
Subscription to Church	.25
Cash in Brampton	.25
June 10 1 hat \$1.00	1.00
2½ yds derry for overhauls	.62½
24 Account for clothes in Meadowvale	8.48
July 1 cash 40¢ Box Collers 15	.55

9.21
<u>11.04</u>
26.25

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Dr. By Lumber furnished 119	1.19
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20 lbs Nails	.95
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Cash Pd Geo. Cook for Lumber	12.00
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Cash pd Hugh Irvine	2.50
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Cash Geo. Cook Balance	
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of Lumber Acc	
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<u>30.07</u>
46.71
<u>42.25</u>
4.46

(Sic) R. Grafton's Subscription	\$7.00
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Jos. Owens Do	<u>1.00</u>
	8.00

Jan. 27 Cash on Hand	3.54
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Cash from John Scollen	<u>2.00</u>
	5.54

Do from John Dale	<u>2.00</u>
	7.54

Marllth paid Cash for Regestering Deeds	<u>6.10</u>
	1.44

Jas. Savage's dollar applied to the S.S. ac.	
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Palestine Entertainment 28 Feb. 73

Tickets disposed of

Mr. Wm. A. Orr	2	X	.30
Rev. Mr. Jolliffe	1		
Thos. Crumbir	6		
John Wedgewood	12		
Mrs. Owens	6		.90
Miss Willson	6	2	1.50
Sarah Cundill	6		.15
Willie Savage	6		
Miss Irvine	5	1	.60
Miss Willson	6	X	
J. Sharp	24		
Charlie Savage	6		
Walter Baldock	6		
J. Sharp	12		

checked by
R.B. & T.T.

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Mr. Johnston	2		.30
Sent Miss Graham	6		
Arthur Greainus	8		.30
Albert Sage?	12		
Miss Wallace	1		
Dr. Moore 1 Miss Orr 1 -2			
S. Marshall	1		
Hughes 1 Dennis 1	2		
Wm. Knox	1	X	.15
Miss McLeod returned	6		c
Sarah Cundil Returned 5 t. and			.15
Proceeds & expenses			
Miss Reed 60¢ Miss Irvine 60¢			1.20
John Sharp			13.87
T. Johnston 30¢ A. Greainus 30¢			.60
Miss Willson \$1.50 Mrs. Owens 90¢			2.40

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R. Grafton for 3 tickets sold	.45	
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Walter Baldock 90¢ A. Gage \$1.05	1.95	
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T. Crunbir 45¢ J. Wedgewood 30¢	.75	
	<u>\$21.37</u>	

Expenses

Tickets	\$1.50	
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Notice in Times	.25	
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Mr. Dennis	.60	
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Mr. Ockley	1.00	
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Mr. Toye	1.00	
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Mr. Hughes	<u>1.00</u>	<u>5.35</u>
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5th March 1873 Returned Mr. Dobson	\$16.02	
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Cash from Miss Graham	.90	
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" " Walter Buldock	<u>1.20</u>	<u>2.10</u>
		18.12

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Church Shed Ac.

Balance of proceeds of Mr. Gutting's

Lecture	.85
Lumber & Oil received	.90

Subscriptions Rec. from

T. Johnston Meadowvale X	1.00
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Chas Irvine X	1.00
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F. Johnston X	1.00
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Jas. Savage X	4.00
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Mrs. Armstrong X	1.00
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Hugh Irvine X	1.00
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W. J. Gage X	2.00
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A.A. Gage X	1.00
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Wm. Johnston X	5.00
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Natt Cooper X	2.00
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D. Sheffield X	1.00
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checked by R B & T.T.

John Graham X	3.00
Robt. Moore X	1.00
John Dale X	1.00
Mrs. Barker X	.50
Walter Baldock X	1.00
Robt. Dobson X	5.00
Anthony Black X	2.00
Sarah Graham X	2.00
Thos. Crumbie X	1.00
Mrs. Davis X-	1.00
Wm. G. Reed X	2.00
Mrs. Broddy X	<u>1.00</u>
	42.25



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Diary of Royal Grafton, 1876.

Amount Col. by C. Siner last

Settlement \$222.00

~~overhead~~ Do 11.40

Cr. Cash to Haggert \$14.50 \$233.40

" Do to R.G. at various times 67.00

" Do Feb. 14th Do 35.57

117.07

\$116.33

Collected by R.G. Siner last

Settlement \$33.00

Rec. from C. at various times \$67.00

Cash on hand last settlement 8.38

Do feb. 14 35.57
143.95Cr. Expenses ^{since} ~~in~~ last settlement 6.30

Cr. in the hands of R.G. 137.65

Cr. in the hands of C.W.A. 116.33

21.32
10.66

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Due by C.W.A. on old acc. \$17.29

Cr. Balance due C.W.A. \$10.66
Due R.G. 6.63

17th Feb. 1872

5.00
11.63

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Ac for S.S.A. 15th Jun. 1873

Jan 13	1 Lb Tea \$1.00 pr Lb	.95
"	Pulverized Sugar	1.00
	Bread \$1.20 Cakes \$2.00	<u>3.20</u>
		5.15
	Proceeds of tea-meeting	<u>35.00</u>
	Balance	29.85
	Paid at Book-Room	3.45
	5 Class Books	<u>.65</u>
		<u>4.10</u>
		25.75

To cash for 20 Messengers 20 Band of Hope	
& Postage	6.10

Cash to Jos. Switzer for Library Books	16.17
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Do.	Do	<u>.16</u>
		22.43

Cash to W Millard	<u>1.00</u>
	<u>23.43</u>
	2.32

Collection at S.S. meeting	<u>5.00</u>
	7.32

TT

Proceeds of Concert at Palestine 7th Oct. 1872

Cash Rec. for Tickets sold 23 at 15¢	3.45
" " ^{iss} Mrs Cooper	.75
" " Mrs. Snyder	.25
" " Miss McLeod	1.05
" " Mr. Dobson	.75
" " Georgie Stewart	.90
" " Maggie	<u>1.55</u>
	8.70

Cash Rec. from Walter viz

" " " Miss Gekil	1.50
" " " Mr. Dobson	.60
" Rec. at the Door	4.30
" " for Tickets Sold -9-	1.35
	7.75
Paid in to Mr. Herridge	16.45

checked
R. B. & T. T.

TT

Measurement of Robt. Armstrong's Wheat field

Length of field 23 chains 87 Links

East End 8 " 96 "

West End 8 " 45 "

Amounting to a trifle over $20\frac{3}{4}$ acres

Cemetery Records.

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Britannia Cemetery, Toronto E.

Grafton, Thos.

Died 30 June '66, aged 70.

wife Huldah,

Died 20 Oct. '80, aged 76.

Grafton, Testimony,

Born 1823, Died 1829.

Grafton, William,

Born 1825, died 1882.

Grafton, Artimissa,

Born 1827, died 1877.

Grafton, Thos.

Born 1828, died 1893.

Grafton, Daniel,

Born 1831, died 1895.

Grafton, Stewart,

Born 1834, died 1919.

Grafton, Testimony,

Born 1836, died 1895.

Britannia Cemetery, Toronto E.

Grafton, Royal,

Born 1838, died 1916.

Grafton, Amanda,

Born 1841, died 1916.

Grafton, Edwin, W.

Born 1844, died 1915.

CHURCHVILLE CEM.

GRAFTON, Thomas, d. 13 Mar. 1874 aged 41 yrs. 2 mos.

(W) Ann (Erwin) d. 27 Oct. 1908, aged 75 yrs. 5 mos.

Children of above -

GRAFTON, John, d. 21 Aug. 1862, aged 1 yr. 7 mos.

" Infant son, d. 25 March 1863

" Charlotte, d. 15 Oct. 1883, aged 12 yrs. 5 mos.

$$\frac{12}{1871}$$

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Thos. Grafton Grandjurymen, Home District, Quarter Sessions,
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GRAFTON, Louisa, w. of William J. Hare, b. 1856,
d^d 1924.

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108 Law Courts, Winnipeg.

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Stewart Grafton (1752-1837) married Mary McCool (1757-1857)

Children: James

Thomas

Stewart

Martha married 1824 to Wm. Plummer

Elizabeth

Mary

Katie

Rachael

Nancy

Children of Martha Grafton & Wm. Plummer:

Thomas

Stewart

William

Allen

Nancy

Marietta married 1861 Wm. Taylor

James

Robert

John

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Children of Marietta Plummer & Wm. Taylor:

J. Wesley - Born Jan. 12-63; M. Mach. 29-89

Allia Evans; Children: Cressida,
Dean, Victoria

W. Ralph - Born Aug. 12-63; M. Apr. 20-04

Minnie Brimstin; Children: Lila,
Minnie, Marietta, Ida, Ralph, Frank

M. Learoyd - Born Apr. 17-65; M. Dec. 18-89

Mary Fawcett; Children: Harry, Marietta,
Learoyd, Bert, Walter

Minnie - Born Sep. 23-67; Died June 7-90

Allen R. - Born Jan. 15-69; M. Dec. 12-99

Lillian Brimstin; Children: Hazel,
Evelyn

T. Eli - Born Aug. 19-70; M. July 4-1900

Eliza Williams; Children: Frank, Harold

R. Gardner - Born May 11-74; M. Aug. 12-02

Joey Logan

Jas. M.H. - Born Mch. 29-76; Died Feb. 2-93

Fawcett ^{Gowher} - Born Ap. 29-78; M. Dec. 31-01 Mabel

Dykeman

Five Methodist Generations

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"The Village Pump" article No. 2 by
Mascoulay Pope

From his home about four months
since, Thos. Grafton, aged 14. His
Father is desirous of knowing in what
section of the county he is at present
located. Would satisfactorily recom-
pense any person giving the desired
information. Meadowvale, June 1st,
1848. James Grafton, Jr.